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New Carlisle, Indiana

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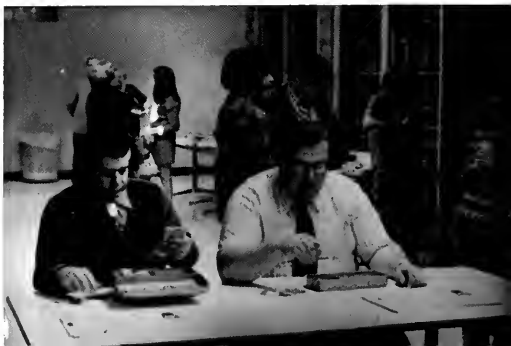
You look around you.

Things, they astound you. So breathe in deep,

you're not asleep.

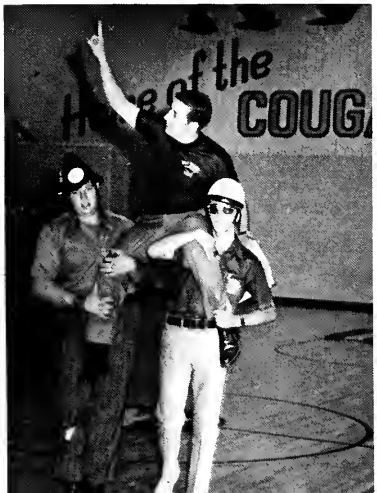
Open your mind.



You're here today.

No future fears.

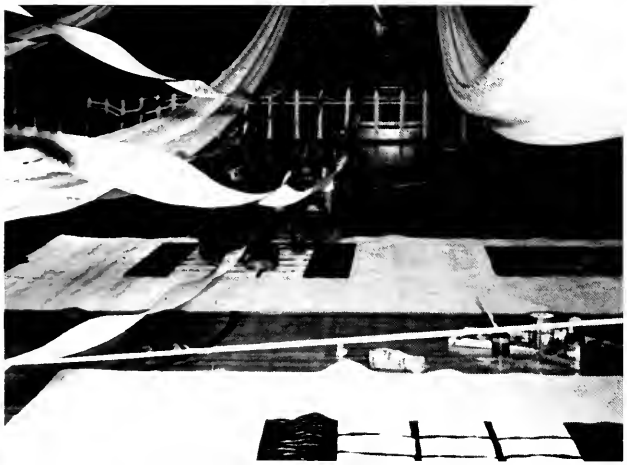
This day
will last,
a thousand years,



if you
want it to.

The Moody Blues

Time it was,
And what a time it was,



It was . . .

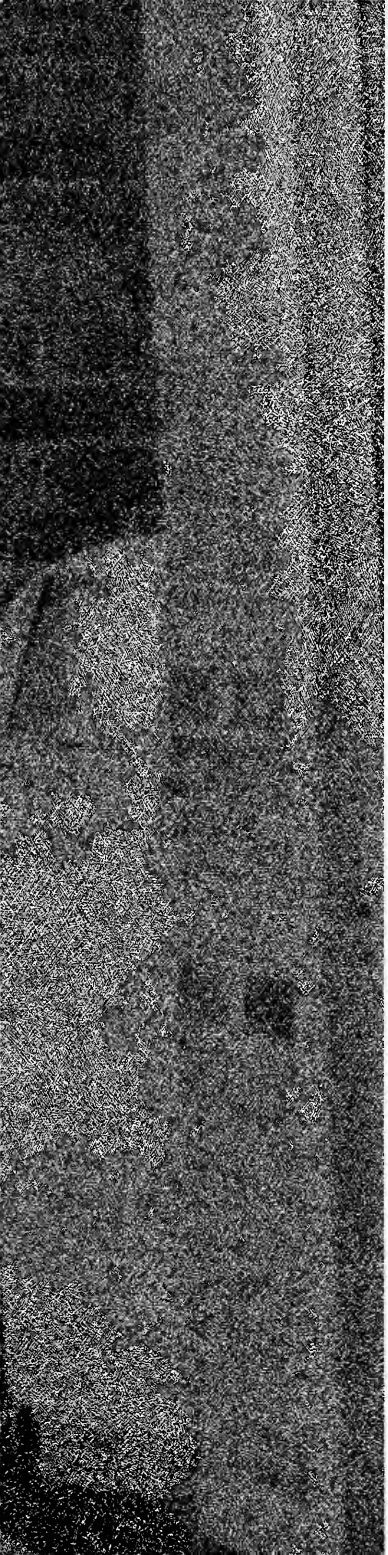
A time of innocence,
A time of confidences,

Long ago . . . it must be . . .

I have a photograph.

Preserve your memories;
They're all that's left you.

Simon & Garfunkel



people

You are one out of many

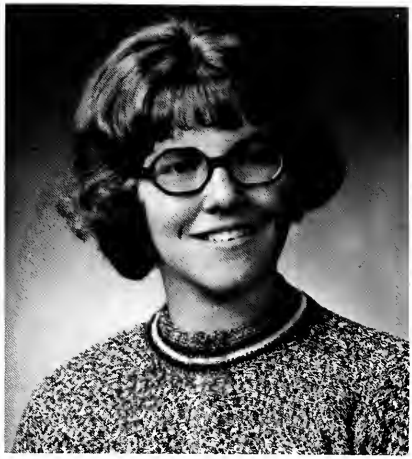
And yet, uniquely alone,

Lending strength to the whole

By being your own

person.

Top Ten Seniors



Valedictorian
DIANE WROBLESKI

Salutatorian
LOREA HEISE

SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Ken Buss, Pam Oberholtzer, Linda Meyers, Penny Pumroy, Alan DeWit. STANDING: Wendy Jones, Karin Zakrewski, Sue Winey, Jim Kovas, Pat Miller, Merry Smith, Carol Wagner, John Antonucci, Diane Wrobleski, Brenda Anders, Lorea Heise.

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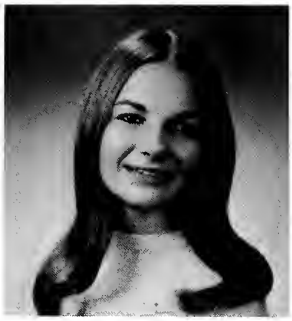
WENDY JONES

MERRY SMITH



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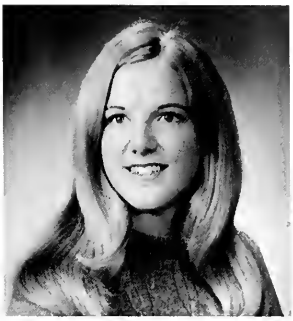

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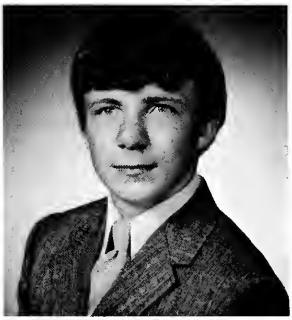
TERRY FLITTER



ALAN DeWIT

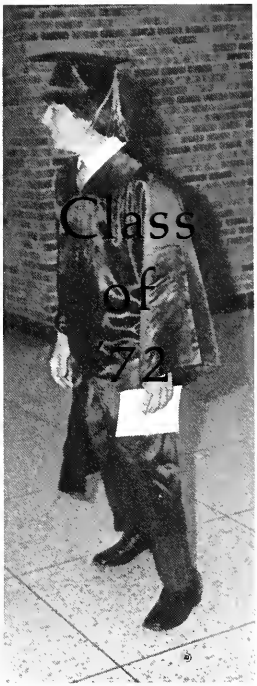
All our dandelion days are done
and so we'll run the fields no more
in search of wild roses
that grow out on the moor.

All our dandelion days are done
and so we'll turn our heads away
from every silver morning
and every golden day.

But sweet September's open arms
belonged to us and held us once.
Remember when the summertime
sang songs to us and only us.

All our dandelion days are done
and so we'll run the fields no more
for all the wild roses
have withered on the moor.

Rod McKuen



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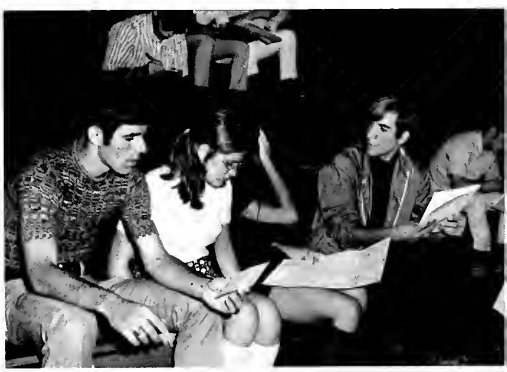
Finally, we are Seniors. This year we pondered over such relevant problems as "What college will take me with the grades I've got!" or "How in the world can I get a job next year?" or even, "Has anybody figured out how to draw that blasted graph for Econ class!" This year we were faced with a whole barrage of such questions. Silly or not, they were important at the time. By our Senior year, the class was not so much a unified body as a large group of students who faced similar problems and responsibilities. Each of us had to decide on a college or career, "easy street" or finally "making it on our own."

We were individuals who faced that ultimate and quickly nearing day of graduation, and we were alternately joyful and sad. The thought of graduation, though, made it easier for each of us to pull away from the school routine, for such ritual soon became childish-seeming in the face of reality. Through experience we grew more interested in the individual than in the class, and the parting was rendered easier. Graduation, we knew would be the first day of the rest of our lives.



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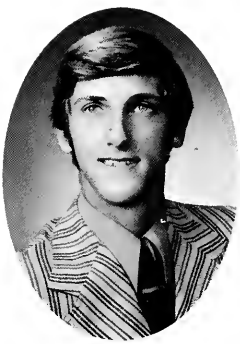

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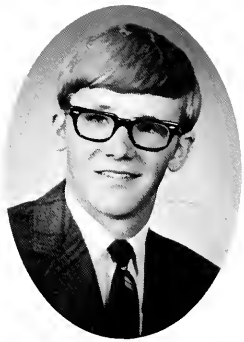

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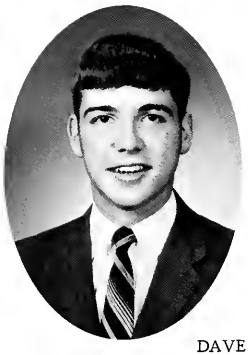

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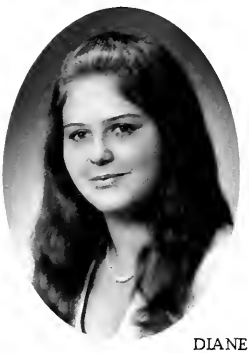

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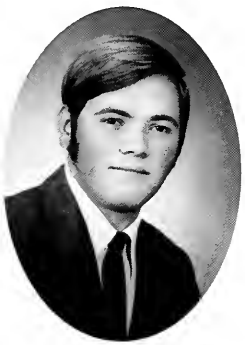

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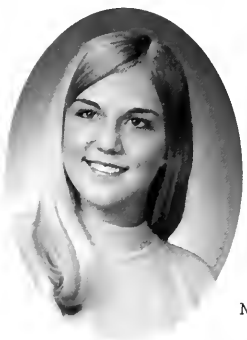

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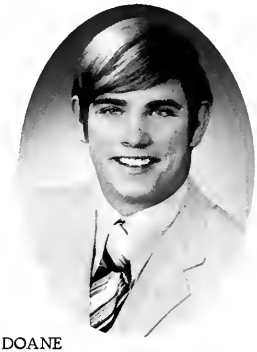

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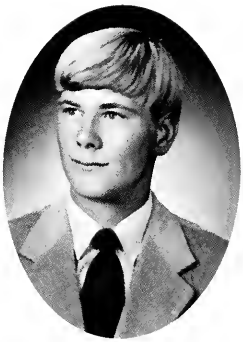

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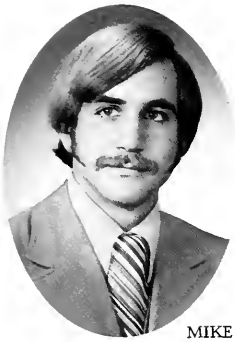

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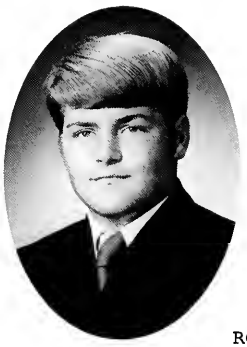

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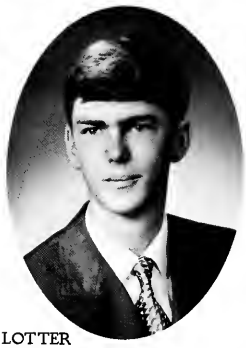

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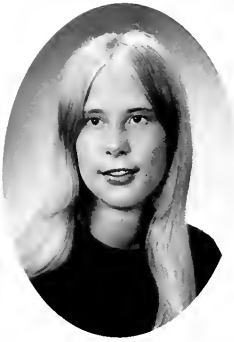

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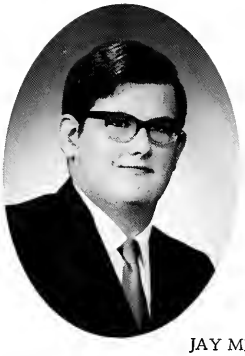

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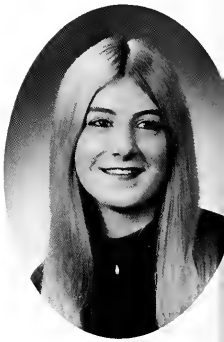

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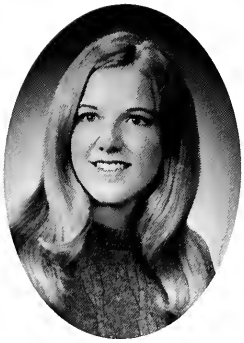

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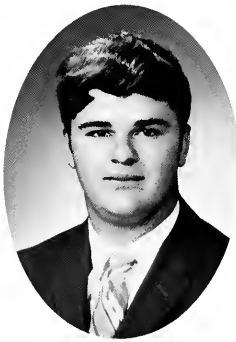

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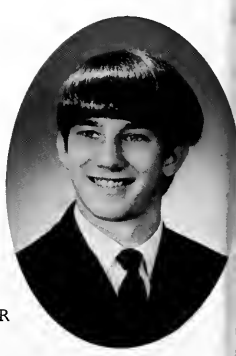

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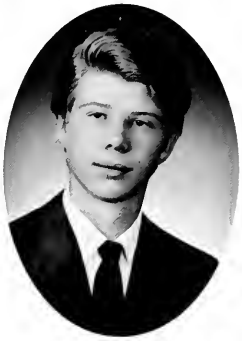

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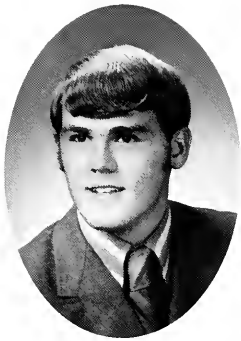

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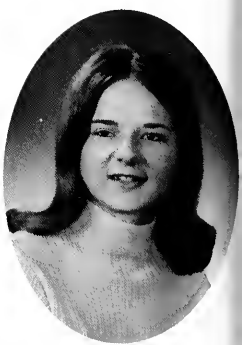

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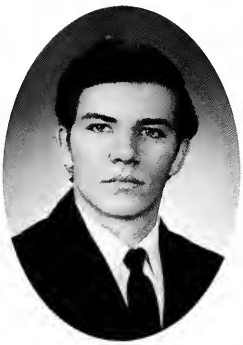

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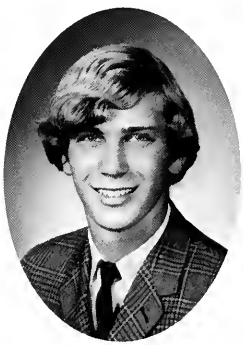

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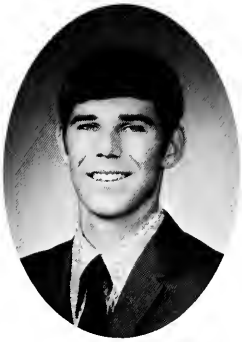

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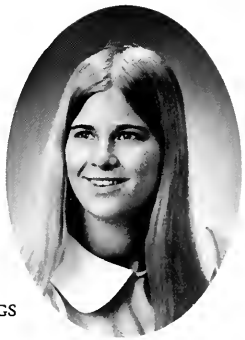

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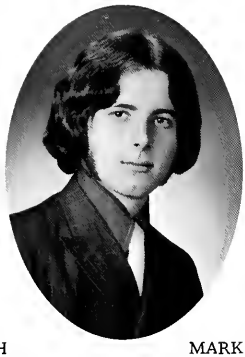

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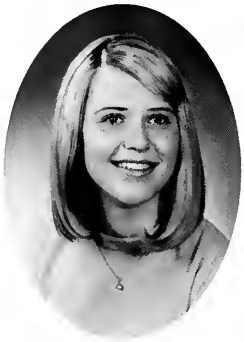

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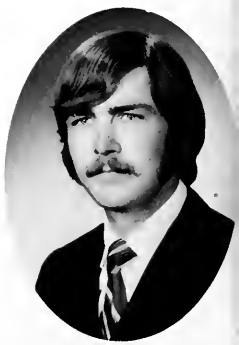

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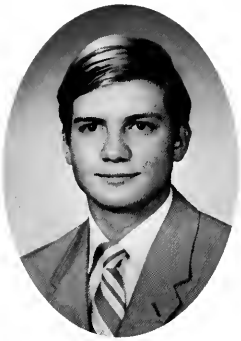

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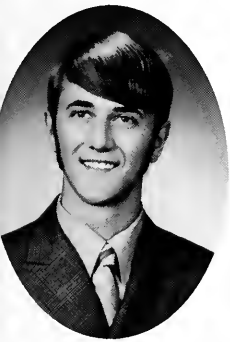

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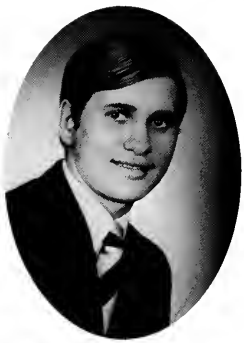

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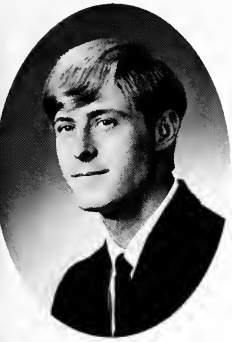

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Graduating Seniors not pictured

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KAREN HARVILLE
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BOB SIGLER
JONAS WEIR

GRACE ZINSER

MARGY CUDDEBACK

DEBORA GOODMAN

Class of '73

People are what they are
because they have come out of what was.
Therefore they should bow down before what was
and take it and say it's good - or should they?

Who can fight against the future?
What is the decree of tomorrow?
Haven't the people gone on and on
always taking more of their own?
How can the orders of the day
be against the people in this time?
What can stop them from taking
more and more of their own?

Carl Sandburg

LEFT TO RIGHT: Dave Nickerson, President; Jerry Colanese, Vice President; Sue Bennitt, Treasurer; Sharon Anderson, Secretary.

Debra
Adnson

Dave
Anderson

Jackie
Anderson

Sharon
Anderson

Denise
Artist

Lyle
Baer

Mike
Baich

Jennifer
Baldwin

The puzzle of life is accompanied

Tom Barber

Kent Bealor

Steve Bealor

Bryan Behrens

Dale Belsaas

Beth Belt

Sue Bennitt

Jeff Beyer

Vicky Biggerstaff

Delphine Bilinski

Carl Blankenship

Linda Bolinger

Dave Bradley

Judy Brasseur

Gordon Brickey

Lynda Briskey

Criag Brown

Ruthie Brown

Sue Bunton

Dave Burkus

Mattie Bush

Amber Butler

Bob Calhoun

Bob Cenkush

Terry Christenson

Mike Cohen

Jerry Colanese

Charles Conjalka

Steve Cooreman

Carl Costello

Mary Countryman

Cathy Coursel

Alan Cowham

Charyl Cox

Eugen Cserpes

Mike Dailey

by a joy at just being alive

Sherryl Dare

Donna Davis

Rick Deer

Bob DeMeyer

Janet DePoy

Sue Deutscher

Marcy Dittmar

Cathy Dolph

Danny Dunning

Rich Dyer

Bruce Eastman

Mike Ekovich

John Elkins

April Eskridge

Roger Feare

Stormy Ferguson

Patty Garoutte

Terry Garoutte

Wayne Gerhardt

Bruce Courley

Vicki Grayekowski

Linda Greathouse

John Hall

Karen Hall

Sharon Hall

Don Hammond

Bernard Hansen

Melodee Hanson

Debbie Harber

Tony Heims

Bob Heinek

Chesley Heinrich

Tom Heise

Don Hertzberg

Dana Hill

Kerry Holler

And who's going to be the one

Paul Horvath

Dennis Houk

Mike Houser

Sheila Huston

Mike Hynek

Sam James

Chris Jankowski

Bruce Jones

Kenny Jones

Nancy Jones

Kevin Kaplon

Doreen Kaufman

Bill Keck

Lynn Kelley

Bonnie Keehn

Steve Kindig

Phillip Kmitta

Roxanne Koach

Randall Koch

Jerry Konieczny

Theresa Kovas

Vic Krueger

John Kulwicki

Linda Lant

Gary Lawson

Paul Loop

Don Loree

Danny Lotter

Neal Loucks

Tim Ludwig

Mike Luke

Zelma Luke

Sally Lynch

Barb Macias

Dave Maerz

to say it was no good what we done.

Dan Malicki

Bettina Malone

Steve Markley

Theresa Markley

Art Martinez

Steve Martz

Ruth Mauer

Tom Mayse

Sharon Metzner

Bernard Miller

Candy Miller

Jackie Miller

Marie Miller

Steve Miller

Wendell Miller

Wanda Mitchell

Tom Monroe

Jeff Moore

John Morgan

Maurine Morrie

Marilyn Mounce

Bernard Mrozinski

Debra McCartney

Debbie McCormick

Jean McDonald

Mary McGawn

Doug McGuire

Jeff Ness

Randy Newton

Dave Nickerson

Cassandra Nixon

Greg Ostroski

Diana Pentis

Ben Perkins

I dare a man to say I'm too young,

Danny Peterson

Connie Pitmon

Marvin Podemski

Tim Porter

Glen Proud

Pat Reeves

Tom Renfro

Penny Richardson

Gary Robinson

Sandra Roupe

Brian Rowe

Randy Rudecki

Dan Rush

Chris Rydzinski

Jill Schaefer

Ken Schell

Julene Schreiber

Jeff Schroeder

Nancy Schroeder

Nathanael Schwenk

Tim Schwenk

Debbie Scott

Joe Scott

Gina Sellers

Sue Seyfried

Cari Shirley

Dennis Simpson

Jim Sisk

Marty Smith

Mike Smith

Mike Spaid

Jere Stark

Bradley Starks

Terry Stockton

Tom Stockton

Becky Sutton

for I'm going to try for the sun.

Randal Szczypiorski

Pam Thompson

Vicki Tibbs

Diane Torres

Paul Troxell

Kimberly Tuley

Joyce VanderVeldon

Denise Vanslager

Joe Vargo

Cathy Vogel

Albert Vollmer

Alfred Vollmer

Bob Voorhees

Linda Wagner

Betsy Walz

Tom Ward

Jim Warfield

Ken Warner

Debbie Watnick

Dawn Wawrzynski

Jim Werth

Debra Wesstrom

Cheryl Wideman

Janet Wojcik

Jim Wojciechowski

Linda Wolfe

Peggy Wood

Elizabeth Wyatt

Carol Yagoda

Norma Young

Jerry Youngblood

Alison Zellers

Us '73

That important time in a student's life - getting his class ring.

The bonfire blazes with the spirit of '73.

"Hi!"

Touching up for Queen presentation.

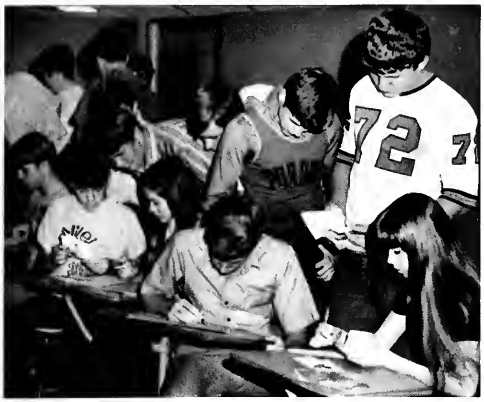
Friendly chats by the lockers.

Even a few Seniors agree Juniors are great.

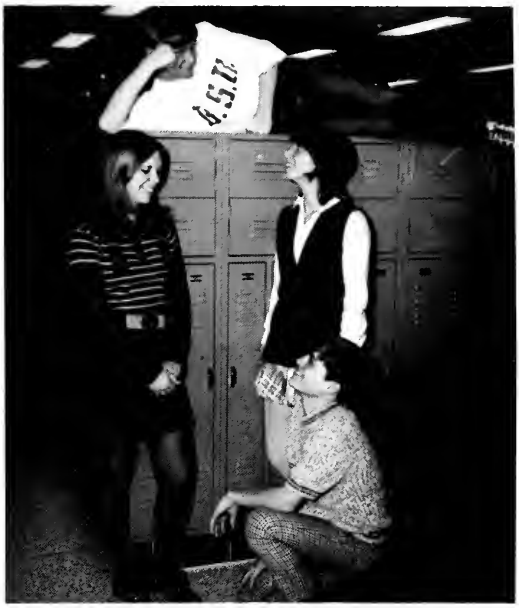
Sue and Kent-happy indeed.

A picture in itself.

Magazine salesmen gather and compare.



On lockers: President Paul Zahl. STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT: Diane Mills, Treasurer; Tina Young, Secretary. KNEELING: Gary Costello, Vice President.



Class of '74

I am growing, world.

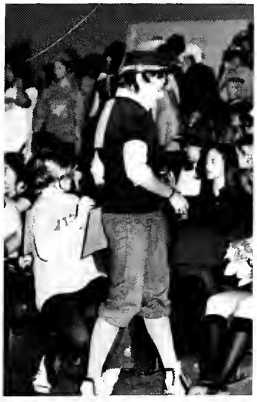
I am reaching and stretching and testing
And finding new things, new wonderful
things, new frightening things.
I'm just growing, world, just now--
I'm not tall, I'm not strong, I'm not right.

I'm just trying to be.
I'm a person, I'm me!

Let me test, let me try, let me reach, let me
fly!
Push me out of the nest! (but not too fast)
There is much I don't know--you must guide me.
There are things that I want--do not hide
me from the sight of the world.
Give me room, give me time... There are
things I must change.
Let me tumble, sprint, let me go very slow.
Let me be... Wait and see...

I am growing, world.
Water me with the wisdom of your tears.

Is Joan starting a new trend?



I thought I had my mind made up!

Dave Akin

Bill Albertson

Dave Banaszak

Terry Banis

Ray Barnes

Julie Barnhart

Sophomores search . . .

Francis Bartoszewicz

Carmen Bates

Joan Bealor

Marcia Bennett

Sharon Biege

Marilyn Blankenship

Diana Bolinger

Mellody Bowker

Terri Bradfield

Sandra Brady

Sheryl Brennom

Mallory Brewer

Billy Brooks

Karen Burkus

Michael Bush

Patricia Buss

Pamela Cain

Michael Calhoun

Regina Clark

Dorothy Conley

Cary Costello

Lanette Cowley

Gary Curless

Jerry Cuson

Debra DeMeyer

James DeNeve

Patrick Dennis

Jerry DePoy

Brenda DeWit

Steve Dickie

Juanita Doane

Robert Doane

Larry Dolph

Terry Dyer

Kathy Ebersole

Barbara Ekovich

for unity and achievement

Ken Elkins

Danny Evans

Dave Ewers

Paul Fernald

Julie Fischer

Jim Fonte

Eric Fritzen

Marie Galvas

Diane Garoutte

Darla Gilpin

Neil Goheen

Cheryl Goodale

Geraldine Gorny

John Goodman

Tim Gourley

Larry Gray

Patti Grayckowski

Barbara Gregory

Joan Gross

Jim Gussman

Rick Hall

Jeff Halter

Ruth Hans

Judie Harber

Linda Hardiman

Nancy Harenza

Debbie Harness

Frank Hartman

Tim Haverstock

Vicki Heath

Janice Heminger

Mary Hill

Greg Hofer

Kelly Hoggard

Bill Holler

Peggy Hooten

Finding themselves by finding others

Darlene Hoover

Carla Huenecke

Greg Hunt

Pat Hunt

Dawn Hutts

Robert James

Phillip Jankowski

Kathy John

Matthew Johnson

Bruce Jones

Jill Joslin

Elmer Juarez

Cathy Keller

Cynthia Kempf

Jeffry Kent

Dennis Kime

Kevin Kindig

Bill King

Darlene Kistler

Arlene Kleine

Jennifer Klute

Connie Knight

Jim Krill

Regina Krzyzak

Mike Kulasa

Jeri Lambert

Tina Lange

Sam Lankford

Philanese Lau

Joe Laureys

Brenda Lawson

Mike Lenig

Mark Litza

Denise Logan

Sue Manges

and discovering a new togetherness

Janet Mangold

Pam Manuszak

Roberta Martell

Pam Martz

Sherri Mayse

Jim Meehan

Barbara Meyers

Sidney Meyers

Mike Miller

Penny Miller

Diane Mills

Felicia Mitchell

Kathryn Moffett

Jim Molenda

Kimber Moore

Linda Morgan

Terry Morton

Harvey Moss

Larry Mrozinski

Tomas Munoz

Kevin Myers

Deborah McCarty

Peter McCollum

Paula McGann

Darlene Nace

Rebecca Nordahl

Pam Norris

Gary Oliver

Steve Olson

Richard Parry

Lynn Peterson

Beth Petree

Mike Pfeiffer

Bob Pravecek

Richard Renfro

Dave Romanowski

By being closer to others . . .

Kathy Ross

Mary Rudecki

Doran Samys

Bill Schepel

Frank Schreiber

Janet Schroeder

Monty Scott

Bonnie Shepherd

Tari Shirley

Janet Shock

Stephen Simmermeyer

Glendal Sims

Nancy Small

Bob Smallwood

Eugene Smith

Gail Smith

Lynda Smith

Bob Smith

Ron Smith

April Smolenski

Aaron Stayback

Mark Stevens

Pat Stockton

Bruce Stoner

Gail Sullivan

Rodney Swank

Laura Swanson

Tim Swartz

Cynthia Szczypiorski

Roxanna Taylor

Marsha Truex

Gayle Truyaert

Jim Vermilyer

John Vermilyer

Jesse Voorhees

Denise Voss

and closer to themselves

Melody Walton

Vicki Warren

Brenda Watts

Catherine Weiser

Elaine Wentz

Jeff Wiggins

Jeanine Wilcox

Nancy Williams

Wanda Wilson

Pat Winter

Debra Wrobleski

Roxanne Wrobleski

Tina Young

Paul Zahl

Karen Zakrzewski

Fred Zinser

Carol Zloza

The Sophomore's float proved a surprise to everyone.

A new tradition - Sophs get rings.

The inevitable magazine sales.

Us '74

Energetic Sophomores.

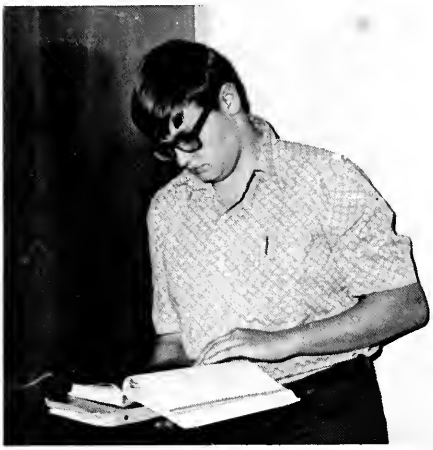
Individuality.

...and more gossip.

Gossip...

Class of '75

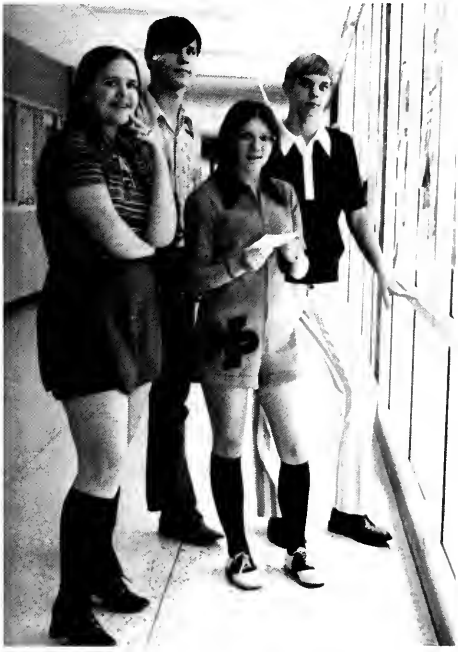
Don't turn on what switch, Curt?



Studying is a necessary aspect of Freshmen life.

Like a child I just sat in the sunlight and played with the minutes as they went running by.
Like a child who had never known sorrow
I didn't hurry tomorrow I just looked at the sky.
While clouds went on endlessly passing.
All the clouds on their long voyage home seemed to say that youth is everlasting but a
rose cannot grow alone.
Now the clouds are going forever here awhile then gone evermore and a child on the far side of never has to run when time closes the door.
Then take my hand and as children we'll go now all alone through the thundering crowds.
Take my hand and together we'll look now like a child for the little lost clouds.

Rod McKuen



Jean Boyts, Secretary; Bob Simon, Treasurer; Linda Wojchiechowski, Vice-President; Jim Bunton, President.

Curt Ackerman

Mark Adnson

Pat Albin

Sue Allen

Tina Alvarado

Linda Anders

The Freshmen have only just begun,

Dennis Anderson

Jannie Anderson

Jill Anderson

Marcella Anderson

Cindy Andrysiak

Marla Armstrong

Colleen Artist

Harold Baker

Mike Balsley

Dawn Bannwart

Brenda Baughman

Nancy Bealor

Robert Beck

Jonnie Bennitt

Melodie Bennitt

Tamara Bennitt

Jim Biehl

Richard Bladecki

Debra Blosser

Becky Borders

Art Borkowski

Monique Boulay

Jean Boyts

Ruth Brickey

Wayne Bright

Kimberly Buell

Jim Bunton

Tracie Bush

Danny Butler

Judy Calhoun

Cheryl Carr

Shirley Carr

Steve Carr

Sally Cashmer

Rory Cauffman

Cindy Clark

but they have made a good start

Lowell Clark

Matthew Clark

Carla Cohen

Shelley Colston

Denise Cortier

William Cuddeback

Karen DePoy

Sharon Deutscher

Steve Deutscher

Larry Dodd

Debbie Dolph

Linda Duncan

Rex Eckert

Roland Eckman

Mike Edgell

Mary Ekovich

Penny Erickson

Charles Evans

Chester Fack

Phillip Faulstich

Jerald Firebaugh

Jim Fisher

Kathy Flitter

Jim Gadacz

Dennis Galloway

Brian Galvas

Richie Gesse

Dan Gilpin

Randal Gourley

Richard Green

Linda Grimm

Pat Gussman

Susan Hahn

Billy Hahn

Pat Hansen

Susan Harness

They are active and spirited

Mike Harris

Frank Harville

Billie Hastings

Debra Haverstock

Vernon Heims

Lorrie Henricks

Mary Higgins

Joan Hill

Bob Holt

Judy Horvath

Cheryl Humphries

Cindy Houston

Kim Ice

Debra Johnson

Mercedes Johnson

Pat Kane

Terri Kelley

Laurel Kern

Robert Kleine

Randy Kline

Ricky Kline

Ronald Knight

Dale Kovas

Sandy Krout

Christine Kulasa

Cindy Kuta

Allen Lake

Steve Laue

June Littel

Diane Loree

Diane Lotter

Donna Lotter

Lora Lotter

Jay Loucks

Duane Lowery

Jody Lucas

in all they attempt

Carl
Magers

Kathleen
Mangold

Julie
Manuszak

Cynthia
Marlin

Linda
Martensen

Dave
Martinez

Bob
Mattasits

Leon
Meyers

Dale
Miller

Dave
Miller

Ann
Mills

Russell
Mills

Jean
Monroe

Steve
Moore

Randy
Morgan

Roy
Morgan

Brad
Morrie

Connie
Mrozinski

Don
Mrozinski

Scott
McAllen

Kathryn
McCollum

Dave
McCune

Cheryl
McEathron

Gail
McPherson

Tim
Neff

Debra
Ness

Doug
Neuman

Jeff
Neuman

Olga
Newton

Scott
Oberholtzer

Cheryl
Oliver

Rodney
Oliver

Mary
Opoka

Debra
Padgett

Bob
Pekoiske

Marc Shane
Pfeiffer

With an idealism not yet tempered

Charles Phillipe

Mark Podemski

Barry Pumroy

Ken Quick

Charles Radcliff

Nancy Radcliff

Joyce Reeves

Cathy Richardson

Ronald Ross

Gene Rowe

Rodney Rush

John Saylor

Julie Saylor

Melvin Schmidkuns

Mike Schrieber

Karen Schroeder

Philip Schwenk

Don Scofield

Herbie Scofield

Richard Scott

Roberta Scott

Belinda Sebasty

Ron Seibert

Willard Seitz

Jody Seniff

Ken Shead

Deborah Shock

Carol Sikorski

Bob Simon

Sally Simpson

Tim Sinka

Sheri Sisk

Keith Smith

Lisa Smith

Bob Snyder

Debra Spaid

by the joys and sorrows of experience

Laura Stepanek

Kevin Sullivan

Curt Swank

Warren Tipton

Mark Tolmen

Terry Toth

Sandy Troxell

Deborah Tuesburg

Dorothy Vandervelden

Richard Van Schoyck

Mary Van Wanzeele

Bill Varnak

Bruce Vermilyer

Vicki Volstorff

Bob Voss

Ken Voyles

Raymond Wade

Sandra Wagner

Cheri Ward

Sue Wawrzynski

Jackson Weir

John Weiser

John White

Dennis Whitman

Linda Wojciechowski

Brooke Wolff

Donna Wood

Glen Woodle

Ellen Woodruff

Beth Woolsey

Annette Zarembka

Bob Zelasko

Wade Zellers

Kim Zigler

Us '75

Mark

"If only I got paid for this!"

Expression Class

Well. . . ?

The Freshmen exhibited a unique spirit.

Just me and my flag.

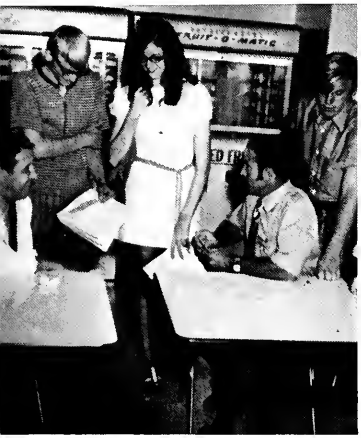
OBIE

Us '72

Mike proved too much for even John.

SENIOR SPIRIT
SENIOR POWER

"See, I really do have a pass!"



72's own Maya.

Senior prize-winning float - "Flush 'Em!"

SENIOR ENTHUSIASM

Cougars

organizations

You join a club and find that it is people.

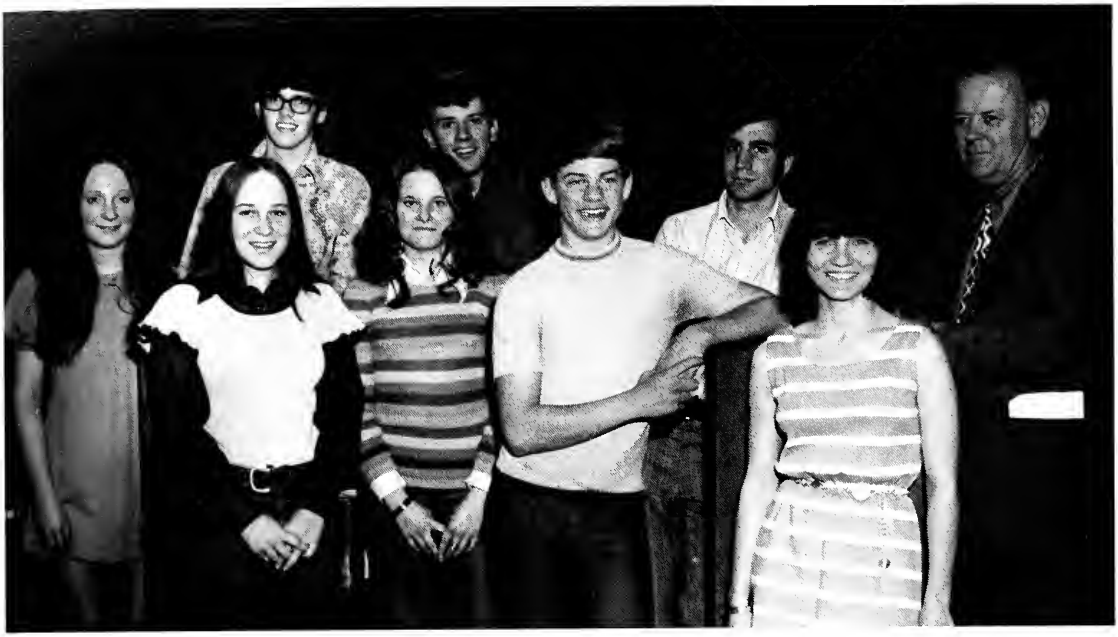
You discover that for everything of yourself you give,

You are paid back in full.

You contribute time, effort and thought.

You receive fulfillment, responsibility, and friendship.

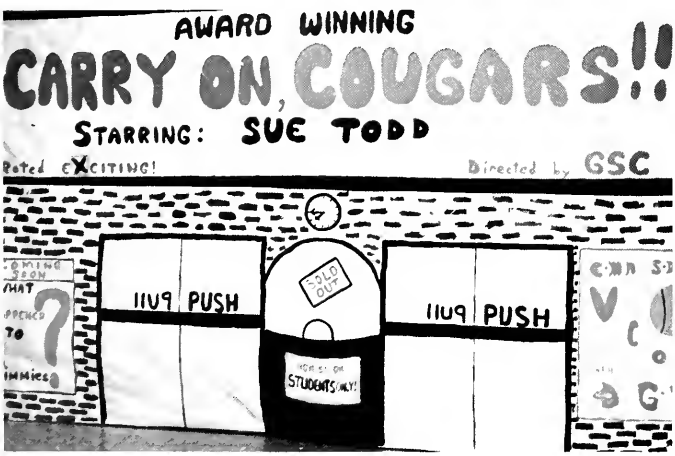
You realize that a club is a give-and-take society.



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Debbie Shock, Jennifer Baldwin, Mark Tolman, Pam Oberholtzer; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Noel.
BACK ROW: Janet Shock, Tim Ludwig; Vice President, Greg Hofer, Mike Engel; President.

The Student Council seeks to destroy apathy in student affairs

Such displays as this were judged for BB Homecoming.



As soon as Student Council delegates were selected by the classes, all earnestly threw themselves into creating a memorable football Homecoming. The theme "It's a Whole New Ball Game" was selected and since time was limited it was decided that the Queen candidates would consist of three Seniors, one of whom would be elected Queen, and a delegate from each class, creating the court. Suddenly, basketball Homecoming hit SC also. Trying to get away from the ordinary, SC left the theme open and provided space for each club to advertise their Queen candidate and their own special theme. Displays were judged by SC, and they agreed, after a long battle, that it was a tie between FFA and Graphic Arts. Between Homecoming SC managed to reinstate a past policy of swimming on Fridays during Study Halls. They also sought to create a better Student Lounge, ordering more furniture. Their goal of a Coke machine in the Student Lounge was met with resistance by the lunch program and was eventually stifled. However, the ping pong tables were moved out of the Lounge area in order to provide more room for students. Through the course of the year, SC provided memorable Homecomings for NP and got more student freedom in that respect representing fulfillment of the students greatest desire.

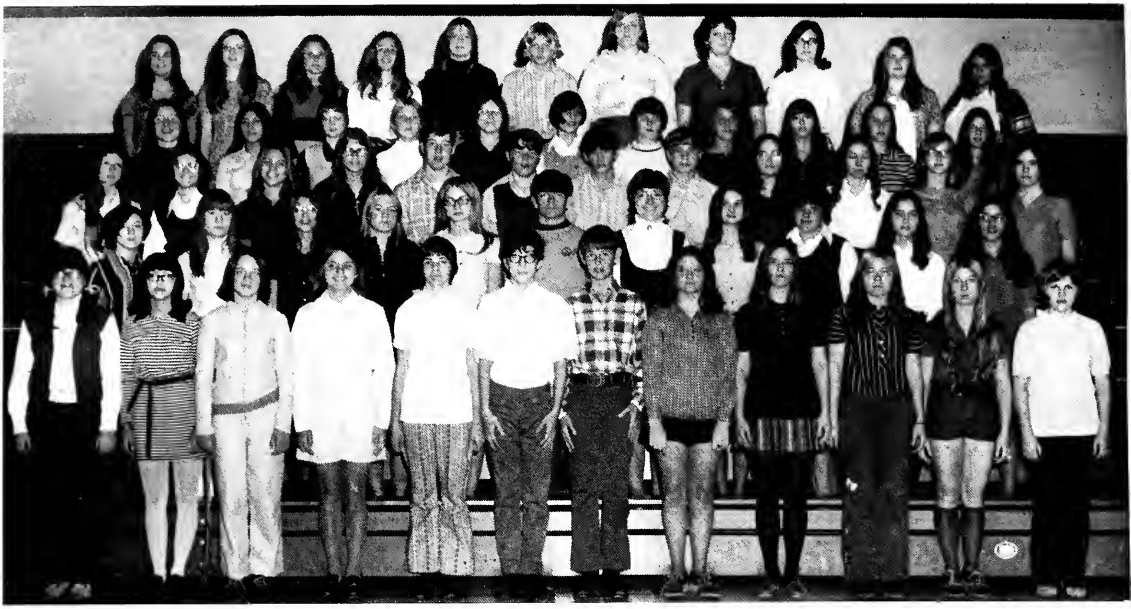
Journalism class keeps students in the know

Lanette Cowley, Brad Starks, Tim Marker, Louie Zelasko.

.fter final distribution, each issue of the "Cougar Reporter" is reviewed in order to do better next time.

The "Cougar Reporter" was a new and welcome addition to the regular school format this year. This monthly newspaper became one of the major projects of the busy journalism class which was initiated and piloted by Mr. Gamble. Under his apt leadership, the inexperienced class transformed into a unified team. When a sample of the newspaper was sent to Ball State University, it was recognized as one of the top student newspapers in Indiana in the "Sweet Sixteen" contest, the top sixteen high school papers. Journalism class allowed the student to display his talent. The student also learned the value of teamwork and the many responsibilities getting a paper out on time entails. Most important, it allowed for free expression.

FRONT ROW: Margo Dahne, Sue Winey, Patty Garoutte, Gina Sellers. BACK ROW: Cheryl Van Schoyck, Margy Cuddeback, Tina Loucks.



FIRST ROW: Lisa Smith, Debbie Tuesburg, Cathy Richardson, Chris Jankowski, Judy Calhoun, Randy Nix, Dennis Whitman, Carol Zloza, Allison Zellers, Terry Kovas, Marie Miller, Debbie Goodman. SECOND ROW: Paula McGann, Tammy Bennitt, Sue Hahn, Debbie DeMeyer, Belinda Sebasty, Warren Tipton, Jackie Miller, Linda Wagner, Karen DePoy, Cheryl Oliver, Denise Artist. THIRD ROW: Mary Bennitt, Linda Wojciechowski, Lo Kern, Mary Ekovich, Neil Goheen, Mike Lenig, Eric Fritzen, Phil Jankowski, Jennifer Klute, Annette Zarembka, Sandy Wagner, Jean McDonald. FOURTH ROW: Rebecca Blackston, Christina Alvarado, Sue Harness, Roberta Scott, Sandy Troxell, Julie Saylor, Jeri Lambert, Janet Schroeder, Tina Young, Debbie Shock, Debbie Spaid. FIFTH ROW: Marcy Dittmar, Sue Bunton, Jennifer Baldwin, Janet DePoy, Sue Bennitt, Kathy Flitter, Zelma Luke, Michele Dailey, Cindy Whitman, Bettina Malone, Sally Cashmer.

Gigantic Spanish Club

Frosh enthusiasm gets the Spanish room decorated every holiday.

Marcy Kern, Secretary; Kenny Shead, Treasurer; Jim Bunton, Vice President; Larry Boyts, President; Mr. Gonzalez, Sponsor.

Making colorful displays is a fun aspect of any club.

Who can forget those fun-filled hours spent making a cake from scratch, icing it into a presentable state, and then missing the game because you have to work at the cake raffle stand?

Sends students to Spain

FIRST ROW: Matt Clark, Terri Bradfield, Kathy Johns, Jill Joslin, Laurie Hendricks, Cindy Klute, Regina Clark, Brenda DeWit, Nancy Williams, Laura Lotter, Karin Watkins, Doug Neuman. SECOND ROW: Brenda Martell, Kathy Keller, Pat Winters, Phil Jankowski, Mike Lenig, Patty Graycowski, Vicki Heath, Mike Calhoun, Bruce Stoner, Jeff Wiggins, Donna Wood. THIRD ROW: James Biehl, Pat Miller, Vicki Volstorff, Laura Swanson, Lanette Cowley, Linda Smith, Nancy Belaor, Pat Hunt, Janet Schock, Diane Garoutte, Marcia Bennitt, Jim Kovas. FOURTH ROW: Sue Deutscher, Mary VanWanzeele, Sally Simpson, Terry Dyer, Michele Pfiefer, Marsha Truex, Nancy Jones, Mary Higgins, Debbie Ness, Sandy Nixon, Joanie Bennitt. FIFTH ROW: Brad Morrie, Jean Monroe, Kathy Ebersole, Deb Scott, Ruth Hans, Kim Moore, Denise Cortier, Sheila Huston, Sally Lynch, Debbie Varnak, Kathy Ross, Glendall Sims, Tim Neff. SIXTH ROW: Kim Sauers, Kent Bealor, Larry Dodd, Dave Romanowski, Jeff Wiggins, Jeanine Wilcox, Bryan Behrens, Beth Woolsey, Diane Torres, Mary McGann, Jeff Neuman, Linda Duncan.

Is Diane really making her do 100 push-ups?

TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Jeff Beyer, Terry Banis, Sam Lankford, Steve Dickie, Dave Jandrisovits, Glen Proud, Bob Simon, Larry Shead, Pat Dennise, Dave Calhoun. SECOND ROW: Mike Miller, Karin Burrow, Shirley O'Laughlin, Rick Gesse, Jim Wojciechowski, Marla Armstrong, Sharon Deutscher, Tony Heimes. THIRD ROW: Mallory Brewer, Mark Starks, Melodie

As Latin Club eagerly anticipated the coming of state convention this year, the club, under the able leadership of Mrs. Helen Heeter, flourished in school affairs. The annual Roman banquet was held, of course, and its theme this year was "The Mystical World of Hades". Latin members participated in the GSC project of collecting can goods for needy family at Christmas, aside from collecting can goods, clothing, toys, and other necessities for Latin Club's own traditional "Christmas Family". Members were also kept busy Christmas caroling, sponsoring a cake raffle and the concession stand. Among the members,

A slave nervously awaits the auction.

STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT: Diane Wrobleski, Secretary,; Mrs. Helen Heeter, Sponsor; Diane Jankowski, President; John Antonucci, Vice President; Toni Stone, Treasurer; Diane Metzner, Reporter.

three are planning to go on the third annual trip to Rome this year. This unique tradition combines Old World knowledge with the New World's youth, as Latin Club is eternal.

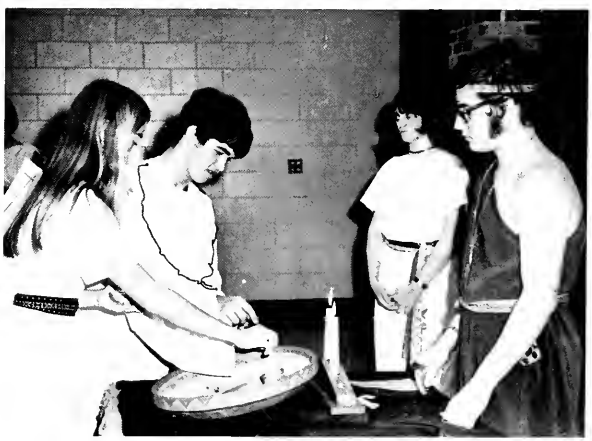
Walton, Lynn Peterson, Janet Wojcik, Debra Zakrzewski, Karin Zakrzewski, Jackie Anderson, Diana Goins, BOTTOM ROW: Lowell Clark, Diane Lotter, Jeannie Colston, Lorea Heise, Jodi Seniff, Pam Seniff, Pam Morris, Linda Wagner, Donna Lotter, Diane Lories, John Saylor.

For first-year initiates, the experience is both fun and inspiring.

Slaves undergo nameless tortures and absurdities to attain membership.

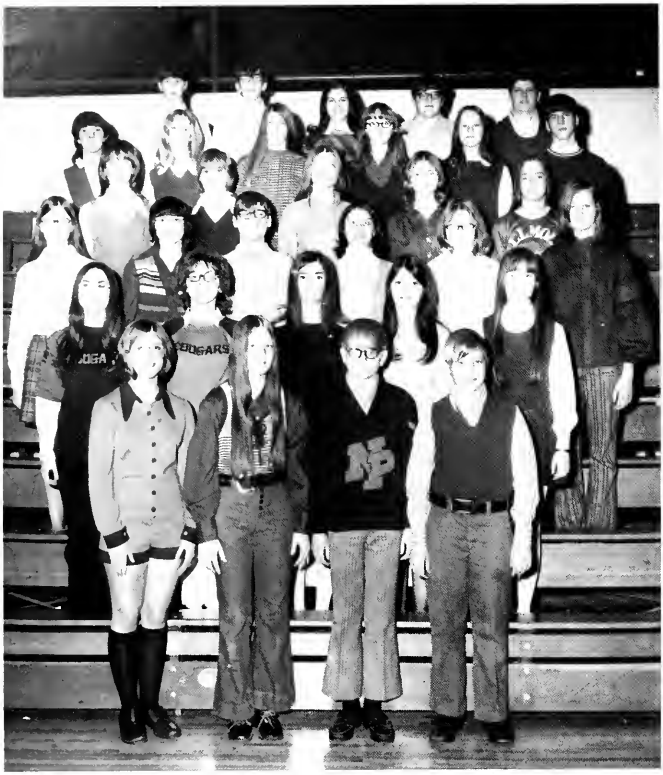
Mrs. Heeter is a familiar sight at the Roman Banquet.

Latin Club is truly a tradition



The age-old tradition of casting pomengranate seeds into the flames.

French Club



TOP ROW; Curt Swank, Kelly Hoggard, Grace Zinser, Mike Bush, Fred Zinser. SECOND ROW; Tina Young, Chris Nordahl, Lynn Kelly, Janice Heminger, Kathy Weiser, Dennis Kime. THIRD ROW; Marie Galvas, Kim Ice, Betty Wyatt, Cindy Szczypiorski, Vicki Warren, FOURTH ROW; Nancy Houk, Sandy Krout, Cary Costello, Debbie Wrobleski, Debbie Watnick, Pat Gussman. FIFTH ROW; Nancy Schroeder, Lorea Heise, Charyl Cox, Denise Vanslager, Kim Zigler. BOTTOM ROW; Sue Manges, Cindy Huston, Mark Adnson, Steve Lau.

FRONT TOP TO BOTTOM: Sue Todd, Vice President; Mr. Gloss, Sponsor; Jean Deutscher, Secretary; Wendy Jones, President; Char VanSchoyck, Treasurer; Pam Oberholtzer, Program Director.

Making money to go to Canada

Togetherness makes a party.

When asked what was the most important objective of the French Club this year, the unanimous opinion was, "Money, money, and more money!" And this was true. Finally strengthened by purpose, French Clubbers worked the concessions stand, sponsored cake raffles, and even sold a specially designed Cougar pennant. The club was united in its efforts to obtain enough money to make a trip either to French Canada or to France itself. Not all was hard work and struggle though, as the annual French-Spanish Christmas party rewarded the members to some extent.

This avacado dip is terrible.

NHS — A mark of achievement

The officers are: STANDING: Sue Winey, secretary; Steve Lenig, president. SITTING: Brenda Anders, treasurer; Mrs. Heeter, sponsor; Linda Myers, vice president.

John works on preparations for the installation.

The evening is climaxed by a delicious buffet.

Membership into the National Honor Society is one of the most coveted of all the awards offered by this school. Senior and junior students are appointed to this club by their teachers on the basis of leadership, scholarship, character, and service. They are then installed in an inspiring, candle-light ceremony. Besides the prestige which accompanies this appointment, the student is then treated to an educational trip to Chicago which somehow turns out to be fun too.

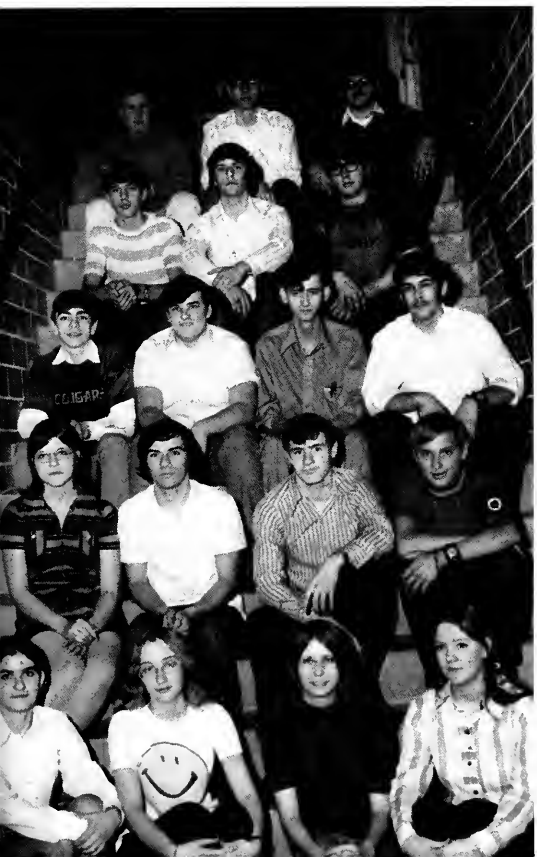
FTA

The annual FTA Banquet is a pleasant mixture of good food and companionship.

The Future Teachers of America were very proud of their Mr. and Miss FTA nominees from NP this year. Mike Bush, Mr. FTA delegate, won district competition, and Beth Belt, Miss FTA, won district also and went on to become 1st runner-up to the state title. NP is very fortunate to have garnered such an honor. Between a tandem bicycle raffle, a Ball State trip, working the concession stand, and sponsoring a cake raffle, FTA proved a useful instrument to promising future teachers by providing facilities for actual teaching, college information, and a very useful scholarship.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Wendy Jones, Historian-Reporter; Tomi Stone, Vice-President; Mr. Colborne, Sponsor; Tina Loucks, President; Beth Belt, Secretary; Cheryl VanSchoyck, Treasurer.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Henry Doane, President; Dave Romanowski, Treasurer; Mr. Dinkins, Sponsor; Jim Meehan, Secretary; Bernie Macias, Reporter; Mike Baich, Vice President; Elmer Juarez, Sareant-at-arms.



Graphic Arts:
A new club with talent

Wow! Most clubs start off slowly and then begin really moving, but Graphic Arts, just newly formed this year, disproved that common theory. Under the talented leadership of Mr. Dinkens, the club initiated its first year by printing circulars, designing leaflets for prospective Homecoming queens, and finally even winning the Homecoming theme competition with its "Cougars, Get it Together." This active club certainly has a bright future.

TOP ROW: Jim Sisk, Glenn Proud, Fred Kaminski. SECOND ROW: Ron Smith, Ken Abbott, Tom Lange. THIRD ROW: Bob Snyder, Pat Winters, Laurel Beckham, Danny Evans. FOURTH ROW: Vicky Gadacz, Dave Ross, Rod Oliver, Jim Vermilyer. BOTTOM ROW: Kathy Ross, Patty Stockton, Juanita Doane, Pat Gorny.

LEFT TO RIGHT, FIRST ROW: Linda Wolfe, Kathy Dolfe, Denise Cortier, Mary Pietrowski, Linda Greathouse, Debbie Wesstrom. SECOND ROW: Dave Calhoun, Alfred Vollmer, Debbie McCartney, Bill Hastings, Glenn Simms. THIRD ROW: Tony Heims, Gary Svofield, Earl Schimmel, Dave Jandrisovits, Brad Morrie, Ron Knight.

The librarians and the AVA, two of NP's most diligent and hard working clubs, finally united this year to form a new and dynamic organization. The librarians, who are responsible for the accessibility and upkeep of the books in the library, are kept in daily activity mending and restoring the well-used publications keeping and posting a record of those student lax in returning their books on time, and filing the large assortment of magazines and circulars. The AVA makes valid use of the library's many facilities in its task of taping student body assemblies and maintaining the projectors and taping equipment which are used by so many individual classes. In the unification of these two competent clubs, each have found greater efficiency and usefulness.

Librarians — AVA Club

LEFT TO RIGHT: Albert Vollmer, President; Ernest Truex, Treasurer; Jean Boyts, Vice President; Selma Luke, Secretary; Mrs. Guptill, Sponsor.

Providing daily newspapers is a practical function of the library.

Listening to records mixes pleasure with technology.

OEA utilizes business skills

OEA commenced its busy schedule for this year by selling designed candles in order to finance trips to contest and state and national conventions...A number of members won prizes at the regional OEA contest in South Bend by demonstrating well-learnid business skills... Other activities included a tour of Whirlpool Inc., a Christmas Party for the Special Education Class at Rolling Prairie, and also many members attended the State and National Contests held March 24-25 and April 29-May 5, respectively. The work done by the OEA is relieved by its many parties which have become famous for their hilarity and abundance of good food.

BACK: Charyl Cox, Ellen Spriggs, Bobbie Baker, Jay Merrill, Karen Harville, Frank Hosteller, Judy Brasseur, Cecilia Brooks, Denise Vanslager. FRONT: Debbie McCarty, Paula McGann, Sue Deutscher, Sheila Huston, Jill Schaefer, Debbie Adnson.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Marcia Stark, Vice President; Debbie Cowham, Historian; Loretta Deutscher, Parlimentarian; Kathy Bradfield, Secretary; Judy Horvath, Treasurer; Debbie Cross, President.

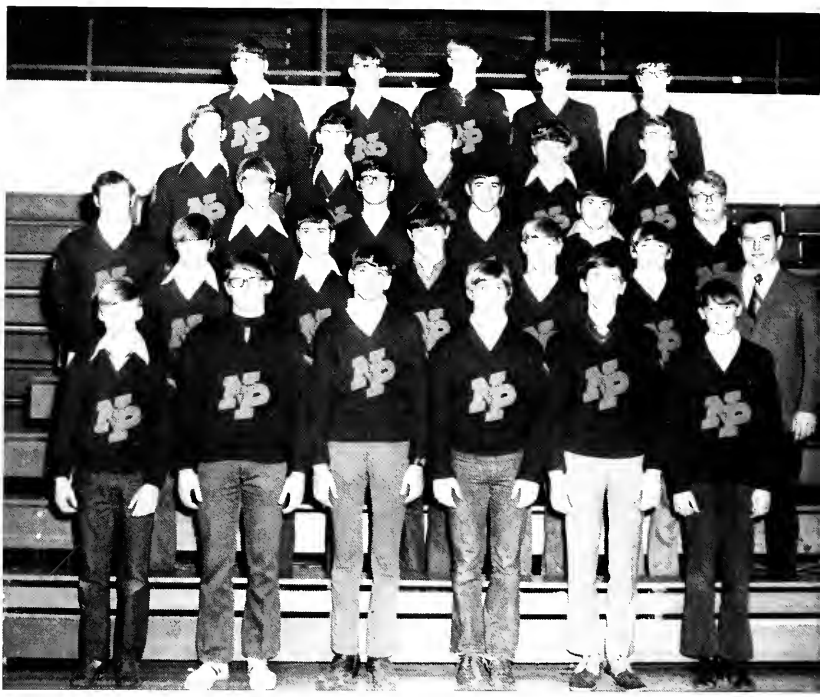
Only individuals can make a club.

Deb and Loretta create a memorable Homecoming for their club.

Lettermen earn athletic honors

The Lettermen's Club, which is an exclusive organization, is composed of boys who have competed and excelled in a sport. These boys earn a letter sweater and chevrons for their hard-fought endeavors. Besides this respected aspect, the Lettermen sponsored a cake raffle and nominated a Homecoming Queen candidate. Effort and honor exemplify this club.

Lettermen also assist in school functions.



Future Farmers of America — A most active club

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Thomas, Sponsor; Tom Ward, Sentinel; Ernie Truex, Reporter; Dale Carr, Treasurer; Bernie Hansen, Secretary; Doug McGuire, Vice President; Doug Millar, President.

NP's FFA has become one of the most active chapters in the state. Members with livestock have shown at over five different national shows, three state shows, and two county shows. Always placing high, NP has become known as one of the top livestock entries in the country. Winning contests in Chapter Meeting, Public Speaking, Electric, Soil and Water, and Poultry, NP was third in district contest last year and also have two district officers. This club is striving to make it's members do as the FFA motto says: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Learning to Live, Living to Serve.

SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Sheila Huston, Pat Lachowin, the FFA Sweetheart, Patty Garoutte. STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Vicki Warren, Becky Sutton.

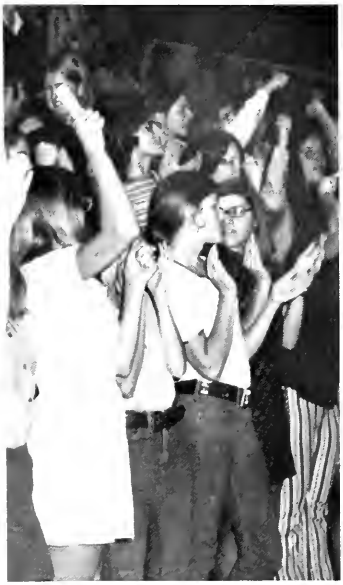
Pep offers a boost victory

Football Pep Club

This year's Pep Club, under the capable leadership of President Sue Todd, expanded and diversified. First it divided itself into two wholly separate sections: the Football and the Basketball Pep Clubs. This division enabled many students to join the group they felt more enthusiastic towards, as membership was separate.

Football

Senior Soul



The Pep Club then promoted school spirit even more by establishing Spirit Days and Spirit Week. A Spirit Day was designated as a special day on which all students could prove their spirit by wearing blue and gold. Spirit Week was a wild potpourri of days on which floppy hats, bobby socks, saddle shoes, signs, and stuffed animals were displayed as proud symbols of Cougar spirit. Pep Clubbers held class contests, promising the famed "Spirit Stick" to the best decorated locker area.

Basketball

Club dynamic for

Fever

Pep Club

Pep Club officers are: ABOVE; Julene Schreiber, Vice President, Miss Volkman, Sponsor. CENTER; Nancy Schroeder, Junior Representative, Melodee Hansen, Secretary, Michelle Dailey, Senior Representative, BELOW; Becky Borders, Freshmen Representative, Mallory Brewer, Sophomore Representative, Sharon Metzner, Treasurer, Sue Todd, President.

Two familiar symbols of New Prairie Spirit: the Cheerleader and the Cougar.

Forever backing the team, the great Pep Club proved valuable at every Cougar game, for it never failed in its objective--a dynamic boost for victory.

OFFICERS, LEFT TO RIGHT: Sharon Anderson, Recorder; Miss Lempke, Sponsor; Linda Meyers, President; Julie Zielinski, 2nd Vice President; Terry Moore, Treasurer; Sue Sheilds, Secretary; Penny Pumroy, 1st Vice President.

Girls' Service — A busy club with a purpose

Sue and Linda arrange food for distribution to needy families.

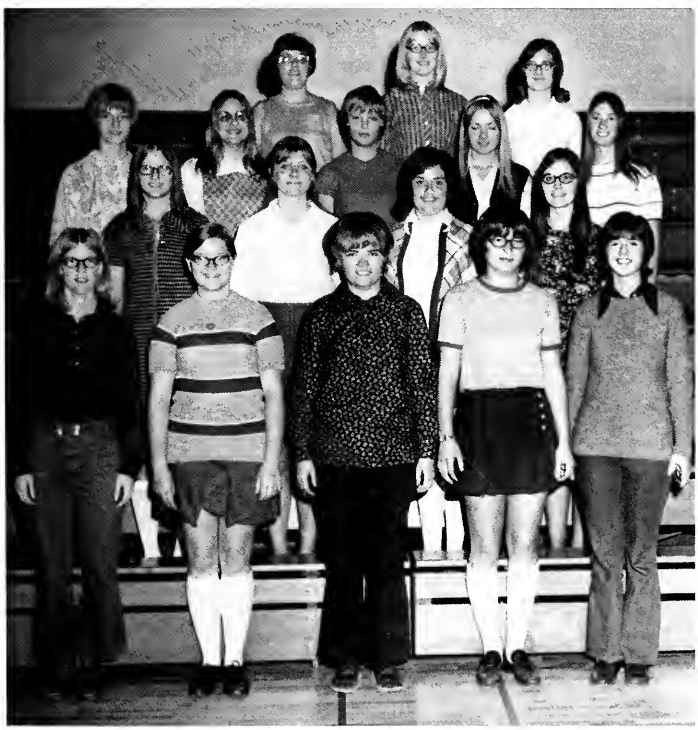
As President, Linda was a diligent and skillful worker.

Colorful window displays were supplied throughout the year by this talented club.

The club also sponsored a coat-check during games to raise money for a scholarship.

This is just more than an ordinary club, it is a service organization. Its members are dedicated to helping others, and they are kept quite busy in their task. This year's Girls' Service Club members collected food from the students at school and at games for distribution to the needy at Christmas. They decorated the school at each holiday, graded papers for teachers, sponsored many projects, and acted as ushers at school functions. Fulfilling work was this club's greatest benefit.

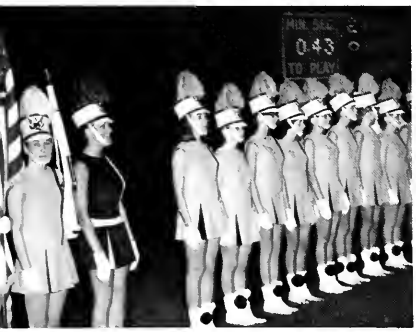
FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Barb Meyers, Debbie Watnick, Tomi Stone, Terri Bradfield, Wendy Jones. SECOND ROW: Barb Ekovich, Betty Wyatt, Tina Loucks, Nancy Houk. THIRD ROW: Debbie Zakrzweski, Karen Burkus, Kathy Bradfield, Judy Brasseur, Debbie Cowham. FOURTH ROW: Mary McGaun, Sue Todd, Cindy Whitman.



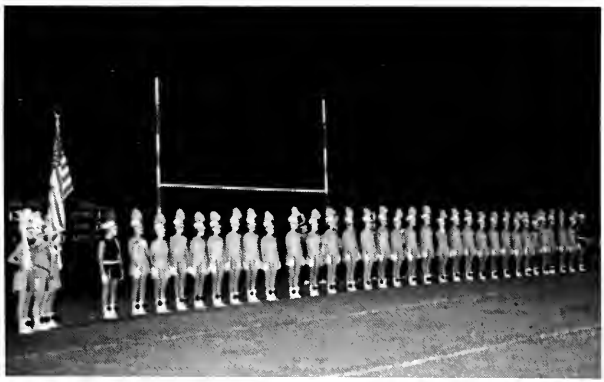
Cougar Cadettes — A unit of precision

Corps! Dress right, dress! This marks the beginning of every Cougar Cadette meeting on Wednesday nights. The cadettes have approximately forty girls in the club now, under the supervision of majorettes Linda Meyers and Terry Moore, and director Mr. Blaine Gamble. The corps is made up of three segments: the color guard, which consists of two rifles and three flags, the rifle corps, and a corps of eight squads with three to four girls in each squad. The Cougar Cadettes, formerly known as the Tigerettes, have been going to the Spectacle of Music at Milwaukee, Wisconsin for about seven years. Besides Milwaukee this year, they attended the State Indoor Contest at Zionsville, Indiana.

Performances by Cougar Cadettes made half-times special.



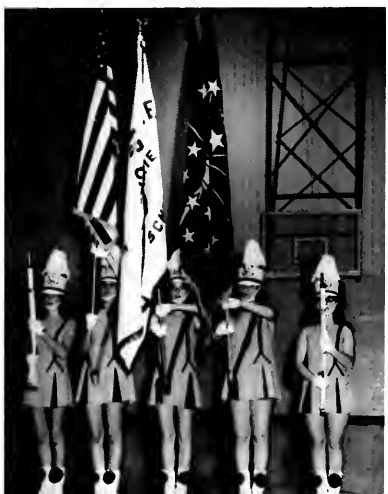
Getting ready for the show.



Pretty maids all in a row.

Linda Anders
Brenda Baughman
Vicki Biggerstaff
Mallory Brewer
Sue Bunton
Sally Cashmer
Sue Deutscher
Kathy Flitter
Vicki Gadacz
Diane Garoutte
Pat Gorny
Mary Hill
Cindy Huston
Kathy John
Nancy Jones
June Littell
Cindy Marlin
Pam Martz
Debbie Merley
Linda Meyers
Diane Mills
Kim Moore
Terry Moore
Debbie Ness
Debbie Nixon
Cheryl Oliver
Lynn Peterson
Roberta Scott
Belinda Sebasty
Jody Seniff
Cari Shirley
Debbie Shock
Sally Simpson
Debra Spaid
Teri Toth
Marsha Truex
Debbie Tuesburg
Denise Vanslager
Carol Wagner
Sandy Wagner
Linda Wolfe
Linda Wojciechowski

The presentation of the colors opens every game.

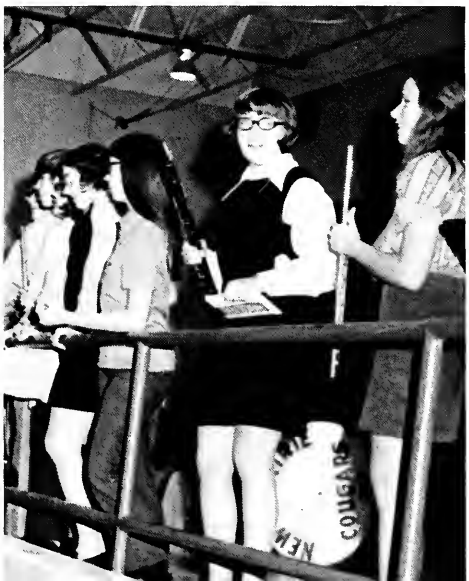


BOTTOM ROW: Larry Dodd, Glen Woodle, Judy Horvath, Cheryl McEathron, Gail McPherson, Cindy Andrysiak, Vicky Volstorf, Jan Anderson. SECOND ROW: Chris Kulusa, Sandy Krout, Mary Van Wanzeele, Terry Kelley, Karen DePoy, Beth Woolsey, Marc Pfieffer, Jill Anderson. THIRD ROW: Brooke Wolfe, Bob Mattasits, John White, Charlie Evans, Leon Myers, Shirley Carr, Marcella Anderson, Jean Monroe. TOP ROW: Dennis Whitman, Bob Beck, Richard Green, Phil Faulstick, Bob Simon, Jackson Weir, Rick Gesse.

Freshmen Band trial period.

This year the concept of an all-Freshman band was finally realized. By joining this band, talented Freshmen could try out their musical potential before entering the ultimate test of the Symphonic Band where older students constantly compete for "Chairs". Although the Freshmen band performs alone at concerts, it does unite with the Symphonic Band during marching season. Thus, the Freshmen band serves its purpose by training hopeful musicians and allowing them to diversify by joining the pep band or the marching band.

The prodigious Pep Band lives up to its name.



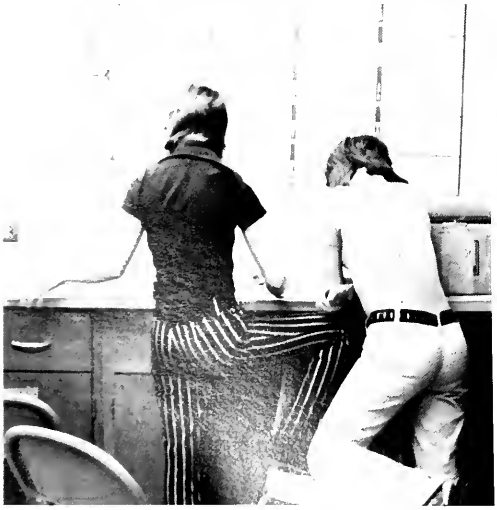
The constant practice and determination which are necessary in making a good marching band are rewarded by a well-received half-time show.

Mr. Haag, will you please go back to your room with that blasted camera?

BACK: Nancy Houk, Business Manager; Frank Hostetler, Advertising Manager.
FRONT: Lorea Heise, Co-Editor; Wendy Jones, Co-Editor; Carol Wagner, Assistant Editor.

A yearbook is a product of hard-work, skill, and devotion

Deciding which picture best tells the story or. . . deciding how best to tell the story with words - both take time and effort.



FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Debbie Nixon, Linda Wolfe, Betsy Walz, Cheryl Cox. SECOND ROW: Sue Seyfried, Debbie Adnson. THIRD ROW: Sue Deutscher, Debbie Watnick, Sandy Wagner, Pam Oberholtzer.

The look of concentration.

Pam lent her invaluable skill as the only good typist on the staff. Yeah, Pam!

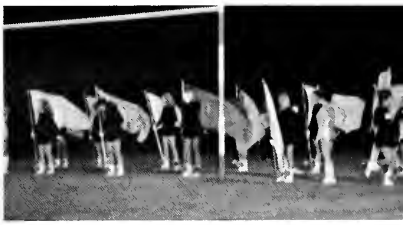
Making a yearbook is perhaps the hardest but most fulfilling job a student can undertake. It means long hours spent in hard work while everyone else is at the beach, but it also means laughter and screams such as "Lorea, those captions are terrible! We'll use them of course."

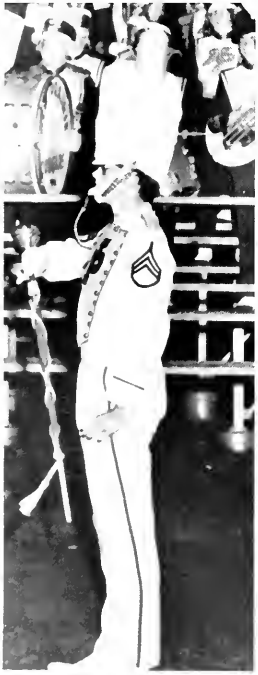
This year's staff was plagued by a scarcity of workers and an abundance of complaints such as, "When's the yearbook coming out this time?" On an average, from a student body composed of some eight hundred persons, maybe four or five students showed up to work after school. Despite these obstacles, the staff mixed fun and toil to create a yearbook to be proud of. Thank goodness it's finished!

The band

Jan and Char rush to join the other girls.

The '71 marching band attained new heights of skill last summer under its brand new leader, Mr. George Steele. LaPorte's 4th of July parade presented the Marching Cougars with a First Trophy in Division 2 and they placed 3rd in Michigan City's summer parade. The Marching Cougars were also invited to participate in Indiana State University's Homecoming Parade, and were forced to leave at 12:30 a.m. that morning in order to get to ISU by parade time. Marching season was climaxed by the district contest at Fort Wayne when NP pre-





Tim - Our Fearless Leader.

FIRST ROW: Michele Pfeiffer, Jeanine Wilcox, Cathy Weiser, Brenda Anders, Barb Meyers, Sharon Anderson, Linda Wolfe, Debbie Wrobleski, Becky Nordahl, Janet DePoy, Ruth Hans. SECOND ROW: Debbie Watnick, Vince Bolsega, Mary Countryman, Dave Manges, Mark Stevens, Rich Patty, Debbie Cross, Randy Rudecki, Julie Barnhart, Tina Young, Tim Porter, Sue Winey, THIRD ROW: Mary McGawn, Carla Huencke,

marches on

sented a blues rock theme and an effective all-band glove routine to the tune of "Showcase for Band".

Concert band consists of two separate groups of musicians: the B or Freshmen Band, and the A Band, the Upperclassmen. Several concerts during the winter provided excellent music of every aspect for everyone. Each student in band was musically enriched by this past year's efforts.

An added enjoyment to the half-time performance.

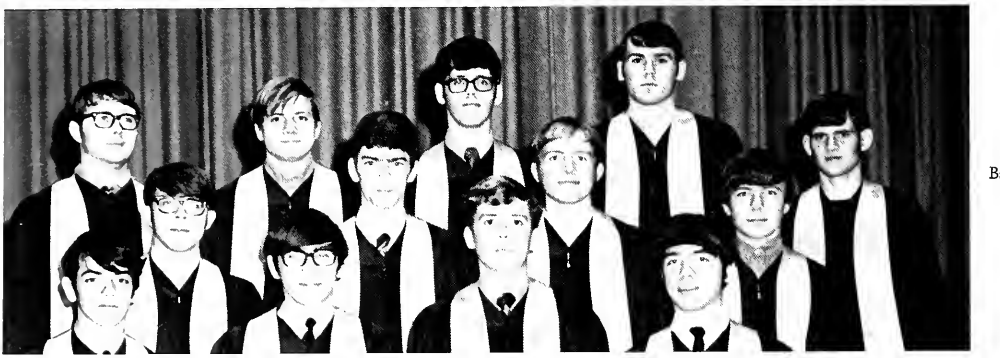
Tedious night performances established perfection.

Betty Wyatt, Julie Zielinski, Kathy Moffett, Fred Kaminski, Jeff Kent, Nancy Small, Sue Manges, Tim Ludwig, Eric Fritzen, Dennis Kime, Charles Conjalka, Tom Monroe, Bob Watkins, Paul Horvath, Dan Evans, Terry Garroute, Doran Samys, Dave Burjus, Ken Buss. FOURTH ROW: Mark Litza, James Fonte, Dale Belsaas, Earl Schimmell, Kevin Kaplon, Jim Wojciechowski, Linda Hardiman, Larry Dolph, Bill Brooks.

Flag Girls enthusiastically lead band at the last football game.

Sopranoes

A-Cappella



Basses

A-Cappella

Altos

A-Cappella

Tenors

Getting ready for a concert is a hectic affiar.

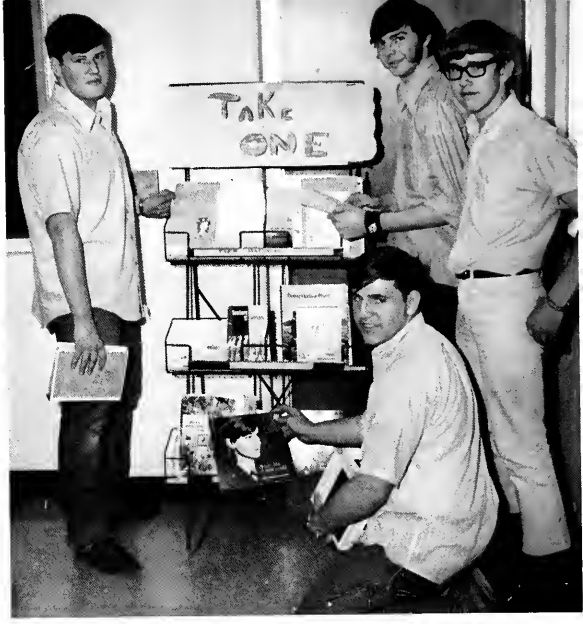
Choir — blending talent and technique

Initiating her first year here as choir director, Mrs. Dickie sought to create a unified and skilled choral department. The concert choir, composed mainly of Freshmen and Sophomores, was mostly concerned with acquainting itself with music techniques such as timing, ryhthym, pitch, and blend. The A-Cappella choir strove to live up to its name by singing without accompaniment at concerts. This practice is difficult indeed, for each member must maintain his pitch perfectly and without assistance. By performing at concerts, various school functions, and in the school musical, both choirs developed their teachings into a vibrant and beautiful reality.

Mrs. Dickie

Concert choir sings "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head."

Jerry Starks, Rich Schiele, John Small, Marvin Podemski, John Elkins, Dean Tuesberg, Dale Gilchrist.



Dennis Simpson, Bernard Miller, Roger Jones, Ken Sikorski.

Students prepare for the future

The best way to decide if you really want your career or not is to actually participate in it. These enterprising Seniors decided to quit just thinking and get down to some real action. The experiences of the cadet teachers have satisfied their thirst for knowledge about teaching. Being Seniors, they certainly all knew about taught, but now through their cadet teachings they also realize the teachers side of education. The boys who participated in vocational training in Michigan City also gained valuable experience. By actually working with electronics and engineering, each could gain a deeper outlook on their future career choice.

Steve Lenig taught Jr. High science, Tina Loucks taught Jr. High Special Education, Dave Calhoun taught Kindergarten, Terry Flitter taught fourth grade, Pam Oberholtzer taught Jr. High Special Education, and Jane Briskey taught Elementary Special Education.

The excitement of performance causes each couple to become more united and special.

Numerous engagements inspired this with-it group of ten couples to produce the best music ever in NP's history. A big first was an all-weekend tour to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where their hard work was acknowledged with appreciation and spirit. Accented by their wild pantdresses and jumpsuits, Swing Choir obtained new professional status in'72, but only through the enthusistic response of its talented twenty.

The accompanists, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Mary Rudecki, Dave Manges, Earl Schimmel, and Ken Abbott, all lend that extra touch to the effect.

Swing Choir moves with the times

SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Greg Hofer, Sue Winey, Dave Tincher, Beth Belt, Jill Joslin, Jeff Ness, Margo Bryant, Dan Evans, Kathy Ross, Tom Kempf, Sonia Dzialak. STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Marcy Dittmar, Mike Hauser, Bill Brooks, Deb Stone, Mary Rudecki on piano, Dale Belsaas on drums, Mrs. Dicki, Becky Sutton, Paul Zahl, Pat Winter, Margo Dahne, Dave Calhoun.

student life

You are caught in the

time

of a special memory,

a moment unexpected

which has no reason nor rhyme,

but is its own sweet reason

for being.

Conversation, jokes, and songs highlight this show.

Two stage-struck teens get their first look at the bright lights.

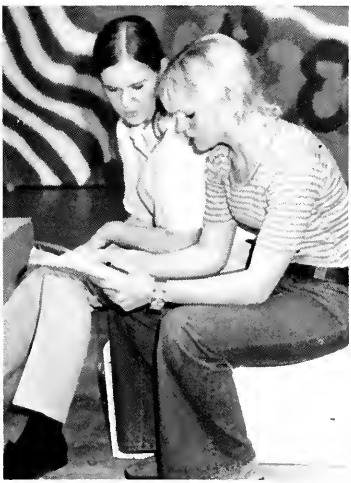
Natural High

An experiment in free creativity

Jill and Marcy lead the dancers.

A new type of musical bloomed at New Prairie this year. Departing from the usual sentimental Roger and Hammerstein type show Mrs. Dickey, in her first year here, produced a folk-rock musical "Natural High." "Natural High" is a musical dealing with religion and how it can offer at least some answers to today's mixed-up youth. The theme was complemented by the "with it" quality of its music, the abscence of props, and the natural clothes that the cast wore. Instead of artificial costuming, everyone just wore bluejeans, dresses, hot pants, or whatever else they felt comfortable in. "Natural High" was an experience for all. For once, kids were allowed to generate their own special kind of enthusiasm into the kinds of songs and dances they know best, and they could communicate a message thru their own natural means of expression.

The six minor leads: ABOVE; Greg Hofer, Dave Calhoun. CENTER; Shirley O'Laughlin, Dave Tincher, Patty Garoutte, Bill Brooks. BELOW; Becky Sutton, Margo Dahne.

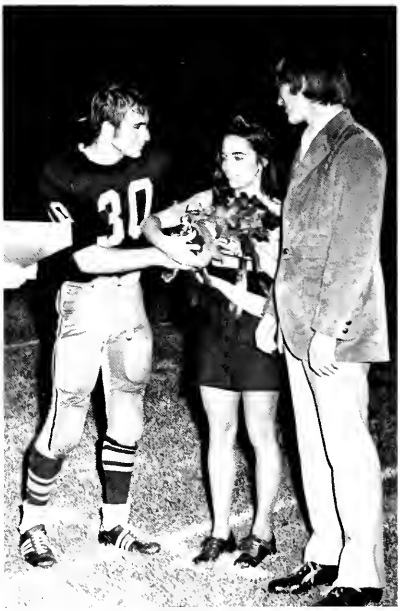


The success of a show depends upon hard work as well as talent.

Varied expressions reflect differing opinions.

The strain of excitement and worry releases itself in joy at each other's company.

The tight Cougar defense strengthened our game.



Marcy, as the '72 football Homecoming Queen, receives the traditional roses and smiles.

A Homecoming game is always the most exciting and anticipated game of the season, and this year's was no exception. Planning for the elaborate affair began weeks earlier as Queen candidates were nominated and each class started work on the individual floats, excitement grew during the Pep Rallys and bonfire, and it finally exploded on the night of the game against Laville. The Seniors won the float competition with the theme "Keep it Clean! Flush 'Em!", and at halftime, Marcy Kern was crowned as the proud Queen. The game itself was characterized by screams of joy and anticipation. Homecoming was, as usual, a memorable night.

Last minue instructions from Coach Mirer.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Freshman Cindy Huston, Junior Peggy Wood, Marcy Kern, Linda Meyers, Debbie Varnak, Sophomore Diane Garoutte.

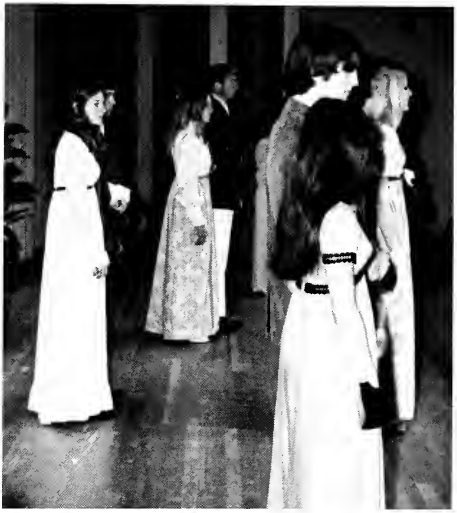
The Cougars size up the opposition.

Football Homecoming '72 is memorable

Linda Meyers, 1st runner-up, and Debbie Varnak, 2nd runner-up, preside as the Queen's court.

An enthusiastic pep rally and bonfire sparked the team on to fight.

Tough action and hard-earned points were typical of the Homecoming game.



The ordeal and honor of being a candidate.

Mike wasn't as pretty as the cheerleaders, but his Senior Skit as the pep session added much to the famed Cougar Spirit.

The Candidates, LEFT TO RIGHT: Debbie Zakrewski, Wendy Jones, Sue Todd. Gail Shock, Marcy Dittmar, Sue Winey, Sheila Huston, Penny Pumroy.

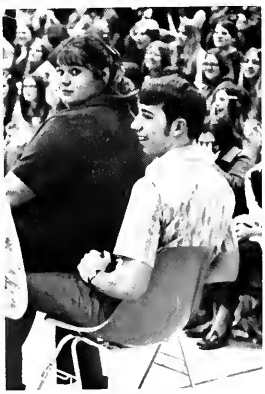
Mike, presentation emcee.

Basketball Homecoming was an exciting occasion designed to relate to every student

Each club decorated a section of the school to demonstrate their Cougar spirit.

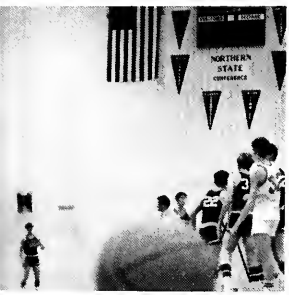
Cheers from even the smallest fans were appreciated.

In her fole as Cupid, Maya raised hilarity and excitement at a pep session.



A determined Cougar.

The Candidates, LEFT TO RIGHT: Pat Lachowin, Julie Morrie, Carol Wagner, Sue Bennitt, Vicki Gadacz, Linda Wolfe, Char Van Schoyck, Sue Deutscher.



Surrounded by overwhelming joy.

The Student Council took over the difficult job of planning Homecoming this year. Each club was designated areas of the school to decorate and were judged accordingly. Graphic Arts theme, "Get it All Together" was declared the winner in the contest. A formal presentation was held on February 11 to present the candidates to the student body. At the halftime of the exciting Jimtown varsity game, Char Van Schoyck was crowned Queen and her court was selected as Sue Bennitt, 4th runner-up; Vicki Gadacz, 3rd runner-up; Julie Morrie, 2nd runner-up; Pat Lachowin, 1st runner-up.

Homecoming Queens

Marcy Kern

Football Queen

Charlene Van Schoyck

Basketball Queen

New Prairie students and faculty members with Senator Birch Bayh.

Students tour D.C.

November means cold winds and during Teacher's Institute, the Herald-Argus sponsored a trip to Washington, D.C.

In May, a group of NPHS students also went to Washington, D.C.

Students visited the massively beautiful Capital building, the White House, and various monuments and memorials and other historical sights.

The seniors were invested with a sense of awe and beauty at the sight of this most beautiful city.

Lucky underclassmen were also allowed in on the fun in May. On this excursion, Senator Birch Bayh was present and met the students.

All who went on the trip were impressed by the sights. And of course, the annual amount of fun was enjoyed by every participant of the journey as they visited the seat of the U.S. government- visibly representative of America's ideals.

Them

The Three Musketeers finish their Bosco.

"Now come on, Mike. We're talking about six, not sex."

"That blasted Frosh team can never remember the home basket!"

"Don't I look like I know what I'm doing? I can fool everybody."

Ahhh...

"Eggs, bread, pantyhose. Oops! Wrong list!"

"Who'd ever have guessed they put this sort of thing in grade books!"

"Doggone it! I know I put those Cougar Cadettes somewhere!"

"It finally happened. My whole class has fallen asleep."

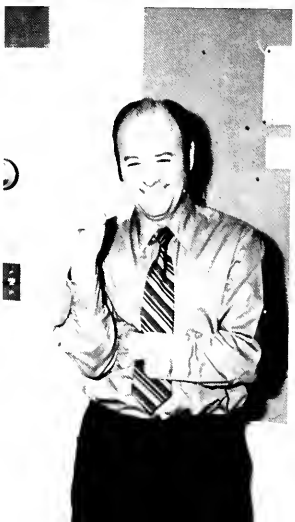
Two with heavy responsibilities.

We always knew Mr. Noel had something up his sleeve.

A real smoothie snazzie.

Spanish means party time.

"Hey, who put a Playboy centerfold in my "Natural High" score?"



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sports

Leaving your private world

To become special in a group

Strength of bodies

And of spirit

Making a team victorious

by

your togetherness.

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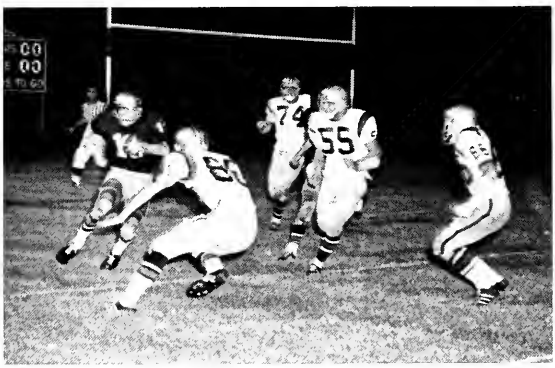
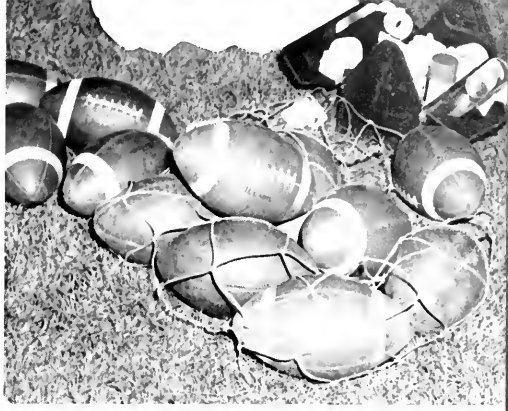
Hurried conferences with the Coaches are helt to discuss game strategy.

Get the ball!



Face-to-face confrontations with the opposition make up some of the thrill of football.

Fierce instructions bolster team spirit and determination.



This common apparatus of football is often unseen but vital.

Football 1971-1972

	NP	OPP
LaPorte	0	24
SB Clay	20	13
Knox	8	6
Fairfield	44	12
LaVille	20	21
John Glenn	50	8
Jimtown	7	6
North Liberty	41	0
Goshen	21	2
Concord	35	6

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Coach Mirers impressed his own efficiency upon the team.

B-Team Football 1972		
	NP	OPP
John Glenn	26	0
Northridge	20	0
Goshen	0	42
LaVille	16	14
North Liberty	0	20
Knox	52	0
M. C. Elston	26	22
M. C. Rogers	0	41

Cougar spirit was boistered by a winning season

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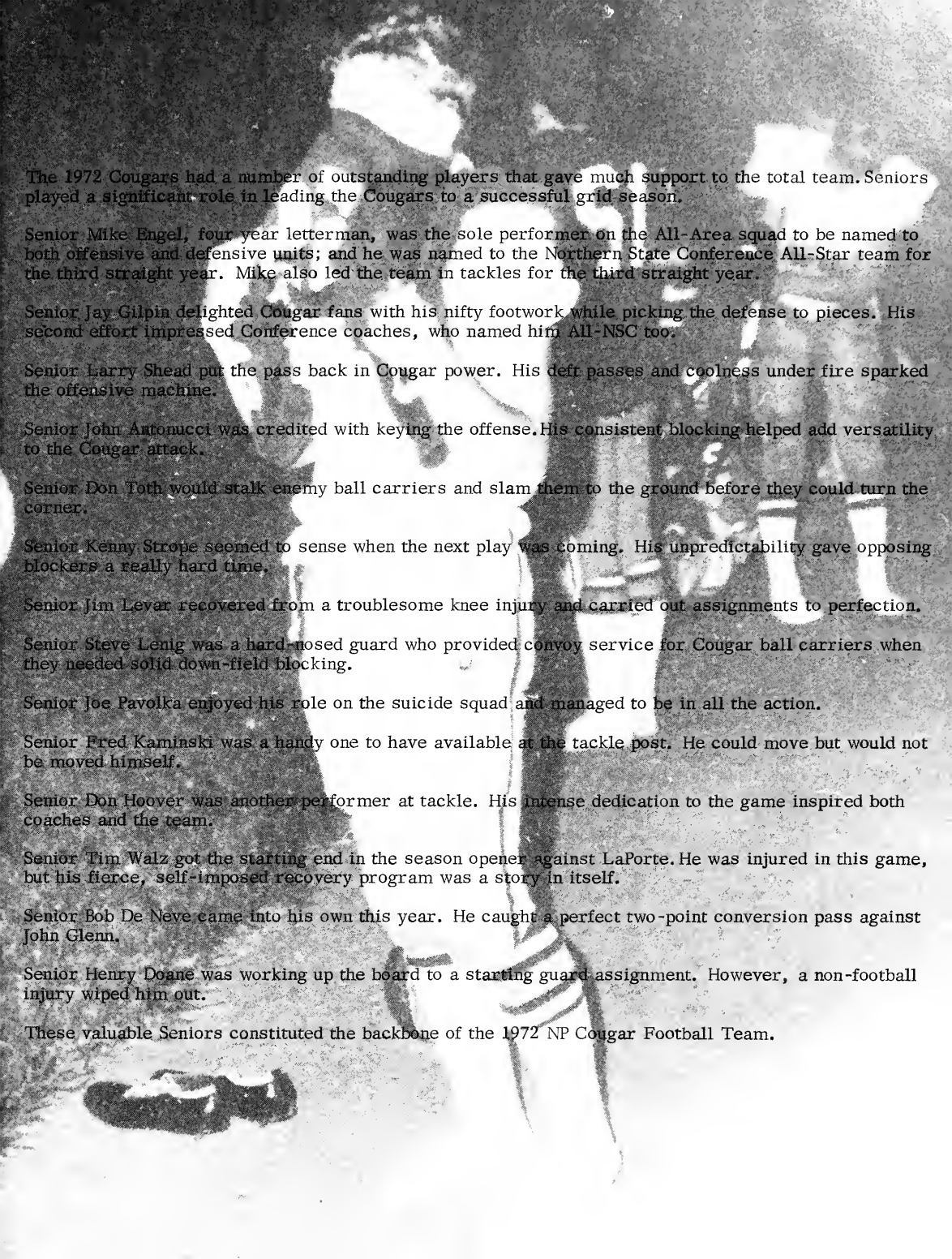
Injuries seem an almost inevitable aspect of football.

Mr. Mathews' announcing added thrilling impact.



The 1972 Cougars had a number of outstanding players that gave much support to the total team. Seniors played a significant role in leading the Cougars to a successful grid season.

Senior Mike Engel, four year letterman, was the sole performer on the All-Area squad to be named to both offensive and defensive units; and he was named to the Northern State Conference All-Star team for the third straight year. Mike also led the team in tackles for the third straight year.

Senior Jay Gilpin delighted Cougar fans with his nifty footwork while picking the defense to pieces. His second effort impressed Conference coaches, who named him All-NSC too.

Senior Larry Shead put the pass back in Cougar power. His deft passes and coolness under fire sparked the offensive machine.

Senior John Antonucci was credited with keying the offense. His consistent blocking helped add versatility to the Cougar attack.

Senior Don Toth would stalk enemy ball carriers and slam them to the ground before they could turn the corner.

Senior Kenny Strope seemed to sense when the next play was coming. His unpredictability gave opposing blockers a really hard time.

Senior Jim Levar recovered from a troublesome knee injury and carried out assignments to perfection.

Senior Steve Lenig was a hard-nosed guard who provided convoy service for Cougar ball carriers when they needed solid down-field blocking.

Senior Joe Pavolka enjoyed his role on the suicide squad and managed to be in all the action.

Senior Fred Kaminski was a handy one to have available at the tackle post. He could move but would not be moved himself.

Senior Don Hoover was another performer at tackle. His intense dedication to the game inspired both coaches and the team.

Senior Tim Walz got the starting end in the season opener against LaPorte. He was injured in this game, but his fierce, self-imposed recovery program was a story in itself.

Senior Bob De Neve came into his own this year. He caught a perfect two-point conversion pass against John Glenn.

Senior Henry Doane was working up the board to a starting guard assignment. However, a non-football injury wiped him out.

These valuable Seniors constituted the backbone of the 1972 NP Cougar Football Team.

FIRST ROW: Bruce Stoner, Alan Cowham, Tim Neff, Dave Burkus, Bill Varnak, Dennis Whitman. SECOND ROW: Jeff Beyer, Terry Garoutte, Coach Poe, Eric Fritzen, Rex Eckert. THIRD ROW: Rob Pravecek, Bob Cenkush, Mark Pfieffer.

Tankers show youth, but lack experience

Tank Talk

Under the determined leadership of Mrs. Cleo Poe, the Cougar swimming team set a definite goal for itself this coming season. Dave Burkus, one of the more outstanding tankers, captured first against the Maroons by winning the 400 yard freestyle. Terry Garoutte also picked up a blue ribbon in the 100 yard breast stroke. The well-balanced 400 yard free style team of Bob Cenkush, Paul Fernald, Bruce Stoner, and Dave Burkus won a first for New Prairie in their specialty. Coach Poe pointed out that there is but one Senior on the squad and only three Juniors. There are six returning lettermen, so despite the season's record of fifteen losses to one win, the future looks good for the tankers. Experience can mend all deficiencies.

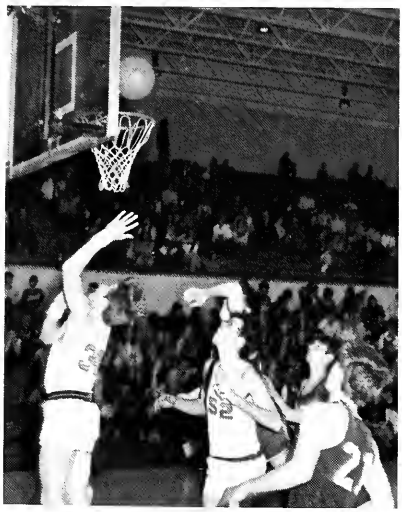
FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mark Tolmen, Scott Oberholtzer, Ken Shead, Jim Gadacz, Rob Zelasko, Mark Adnson. SECOND ROW: Jeff Neuman, John White, Leon Meyers, Dan Gilpin, Coach Floyd Trosper. THIRD ROW: Jim Fisher, Brad Morrie, Bill Cuddeback, Curt Swank, Richard Green, Jim Bunton.

Frosh Team total up 14-4 record

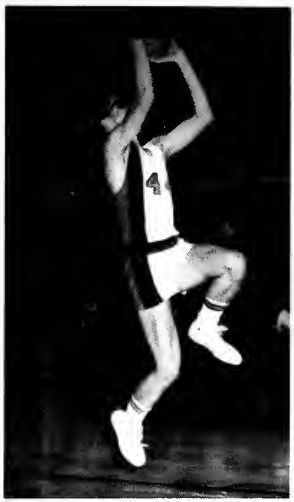
Frosh Basketball 1972

	NP	OPP
Westville	48	23
Oregon-Davis	38	29
North Liberty	52	38
LaLumiere	58	32
South Central	44	36
M.C. Elston	40	46
Mish. Marion	36	30
John Glen	42	36
Westville	42	30
LaVille	38	35
North Liberty	49	40
Marquette	51	38
South Central	44	48
Knox	46	32
LP Kessling	32	40
River Valley	46	39
M.C. Kruger	48	54
John Glenn	2	0

Will it or won't it?



B-Teamers make it with skill and spirit



Congratulations, to Coach Kauffman and his hustling B-team on their hard-fought Bi-County championship. The whole school was proud of them and the beautiful trophy they brought home. Our over zealous cheer block was disqualified from the cheering competition because they streamed onto the court after our thrilling two-point come-from-behind victory over the Breman Lions. We don't blame them. Perhaps this enthusiasm was good for more than two points. Five records were broken and one tied in the tournament. A marvelous season indeed for such a young team.

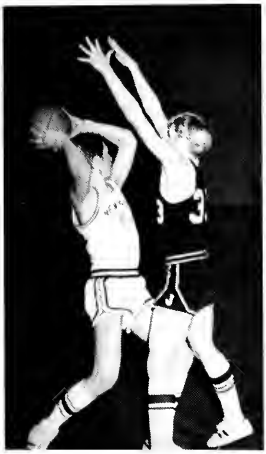
B-Team Basketball 1972

	NP	OPP
MC Rogers	45	48
Mish. Marion	47	43
John Glenn	55	46
Fairfield	51	52
River Valley	47	37
LaVille	29	27
SB St. Joe	29	49
South Central	37	42
MC Marquette	44	33
Oregon Davis	61	38
North Judson	64	34
SB Jackson	48	38
Knox	60	52
LaVille	36	34
John Glenn	50	38

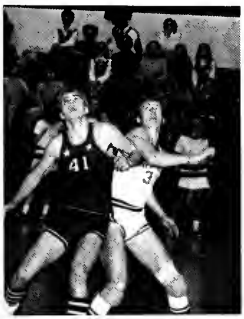
Jeff gets in good rebound position.

Varsity Basketball 1972

	NP	OPP		NP	OPP
MC Rogers	77	82	SB Jackson	77	83
Mish. Marion	41	66	Knox	62	72
John Glenn	74	73	Breman	69	67
Fairfield	57	61	LaVille	54	52
River Valley	60	62	John Glenn	60	62
LaVille	53	58	North Liberty	80	52
St. Joe	57	82	Breman	88	86
South Central	75	65	SB Clay	69	87
Oregon Davis	72	50	Jimtown	66	57
Marquette	58	62	Concord	64	70
North Judson	54	76	LaPorte	69	94



Matty looks for an outlet.



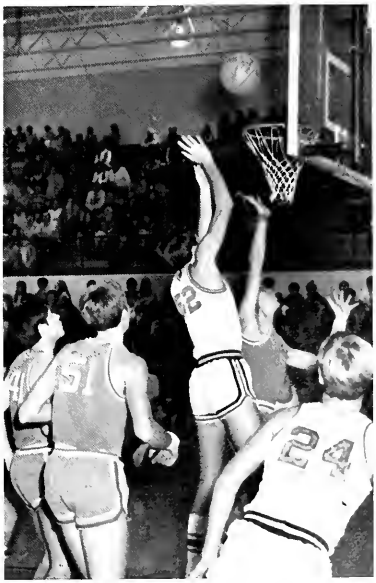
Larry jockeys for position.

CO-CAPTAINS: Larry Boyts and Bob Deutscher

SPECIAL AWARDS

Most Valuable - Matty Bush and Bob Deutscher
Sportsmanship - Larry Boyts
Rebounding - Larry Boyts
Assists - Jay Gilpin
Field Goal % - Mike Wilcox
Free Throw % - Matty Bush

For the moment, Cougars are out-positioned.



Paul tips 2 points for the Cougars.

KNEELING: Larry Shead, Jeff Schroeder, Don Hoover, assistant manager; Mr. Starks, Coach; Jay Gilpin, Matt Bush. STANDING: Larry Boyts, co-captain; Bob Deutscher, co-captain, Steve Cooreman, Jeff Paul, Doug Schmeltz, Dan Malicki, Craig Brown.

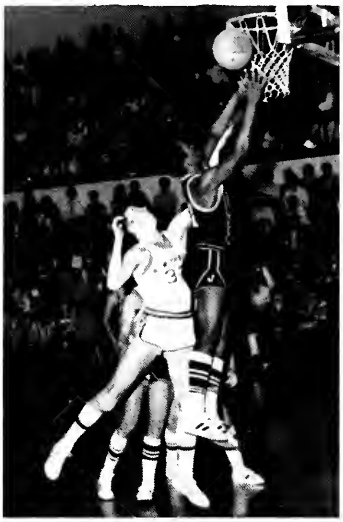
The 1971-72 Cougar basketball squad battled through a season marked by adversity and remarkably able playing. Although plagued by a multiplicity of illnesses and injuries, the team worked together to fill vacancies, adjust to new assignments, and generally attempt to make their plays more workable.

Head mentor, John Starks, made his debut this year as the Cougar coach. Under his skilled direction, the high point of the season occurred at the team's play during the Bi-County Tournament. Despite very fine basketball, however, the Cougars were edged by John Glenn in the Championship game, 62-60. This was the first appearance by a Cougar Squad in the championship game.

High jump shots lent much to the excitement of Cougar fans.

Tense moments such as this make up a good basketball game.

The varsity squad played in championship game



Get that rebound!

The feeling of the coaches and fans at the seasons' end was one of satisfaction that a great group of boys had done an excellent job under extreme adversity. The underclassmen and the squad are looking forward to next season when some of the close losses will be turned around in favor of the Cougars.

Every Cougar player must remember anxious moments spent on the bench watching the game and hoping for victory.

KNEELING: Mr. Kaufman, Coach; Rick Hall, Ray Barnes, Don Hertzburg. STANDING: Mike Lenig, Paul Zahl, Rod Swank, Steve Kindig, Tim Ludwig, Joe Laureys, Phil Jankowski, Greg Hofer.

KNEELING: Tim Marker, Greg Hofer, Steve Cooreman, Larry Boyts, Mark Adnson. STANDING: Bryan Behrens, Steve Dickie, Coach Rheinheimer, Dave Manges, Rick Hall.

Netters finish at 5-6

Tennis 1972

	NP	OPP
Penn	4	3
Plymouth	3	4
LaVille	5	2
LaSalle	7	0
Breman	0	7
MC Rogers	3	4
Concord	0	7
Jimtown	2	5
LaVille	4	3
SB Riley	1	6
Penn	5	2

This year's tennis team demonstrated its enthusiasm and skill with a fine record of hard-fought wins and losses. Even the fact that they did not have a standard court available failed to dampen their spirit. Playing twice as many games as last year, this active sport held its own in competition. Although three of the team's nine valuable members will have graduated by next season, it is generally hoped that the rest of the team can maintain the standards set by past predecessors.

A lazy consultation before the match.

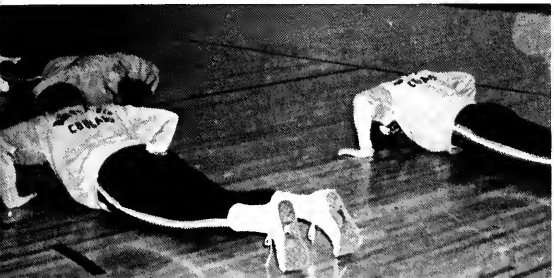
FIRST ROW: Randy Gourley, Richard Van Schoyck, Dave Banaszak, Jim Oliver, Rod Oliver, John Saylor, Warren Tipton. SECOND ROW: Tim Gourley, Wendell Miller, Chuck Phillippe, Steve Lenig, Pat Kane, Dean Tuesburg. THIRD ROW: Don Kane, Coach, John Antonucci, Ben Perkins, Don Toth, Allan Lake, Mike Ekovich, Rick Kline, Mike Engel, Dale Carr, Tim Walz, Ron Toth, Sid Meyers, Randy Kline, Willard Cites.

Coach Don Kane was quite pleased with the record turnout of candidates this year for his grappling team. This enabled him to field both a varsity and B team and thus gave more boys experience throughout the year. Nine lettermen returned for action this season. They included Wendell Miller, 107 weight class, Jim Oliver, 126, Dean Tuesburg, 119, Dave Banaszak, 119, Don Toth, 145, Ron Toth, 132, Mike Engel, 155, Jerry Colanese, 145, and Steve Lenig, 167. The point system has been altered a bit this year. Six team points must be earned for a pin, instead of five, and four team points may be earned for a decision when the difference in match scores is ten or more points.

Wrestling 1971-1972

	NP	OPP
Knox	40	21
Concord	5	47
Fairfield	31	21
Mich. City Elston	27	22
LaVille	20	30
North Liberty	25	32
Saint Joe	14	38
John Glenn	47	8
Mich. City Rogers	11	39
Clay	0	63
Marian	12	48
Jimtown	32	24
LaLumiere	17	39
LaPorte	8	47

Grapplers ready for mat action.



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Track offers a variety of interests, from pole-vaulting to shot-putting.

Tracksters fulfilled hopes for good season

Weather permitting, the New Prairie track team established a powerful reputation by winning some important meets this year. Fourteen returning lettermen initially bolstered the hopes of Coach Gamble as he headed into the new season. Led by captains Mike Engel and Bruce Harber, other veteran Seniors were: Dave Manges, Ken Buss, Louie Zelasko, Larry Boyts, Ron Toth and Brent Miller. Besides setting a winning season of 8-6, trackster Bob Pravecek broke the 880 conference record, one of the oldest records in the NSC. New Prairie also came in 7th in the Goshen Relays with 29 points in their favor. Senior Mike Engel was voted most valuable player.

Track 1972

	NP	OPP
South Central	88	29
SB Clay	54	53
Concord		41
LaVille	36 1/2	72 1/2
Westville	69	49
North Liberty	74	44
Jimtown	67 2/3	30 1/3
John Glenn	91	27
Goshen Relay	7th	29 pts.
Fairfield	54	64
Chesterton	35	83
Marion	52	66
SB Riley	42	75
LaSalle	78	90
MC Marquette	92	26

On your mark; get set; GO!!!

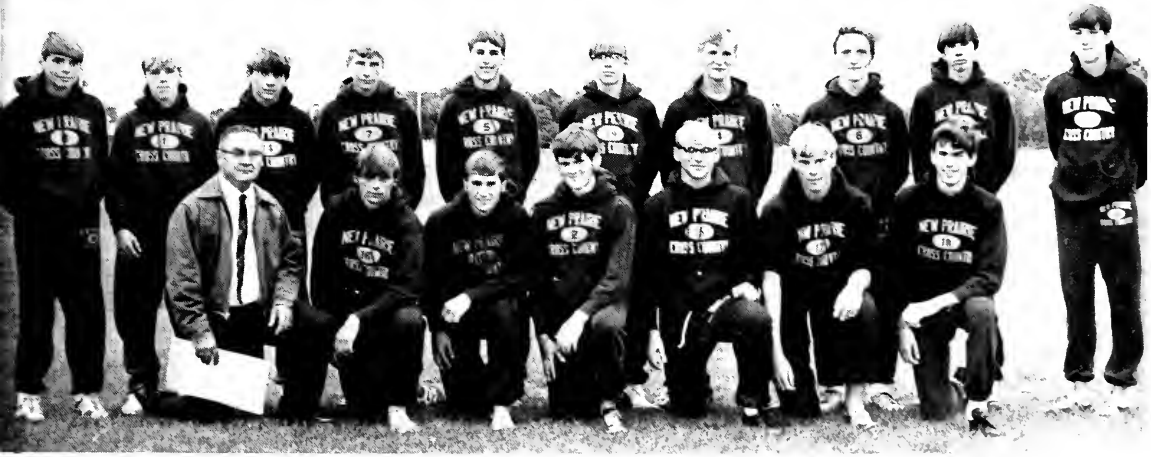
Individual initiative and skill are essential parts of Cross Country.

Please Bob, not in front of the camera!

Cross Country team had promising season

Coach Gamble led his 1972 Cross Country team to one of their finest winning seasons this year with an eight-six record. Many promising members highlighted the team's exploits. Such low-scorers as Sophomore Steve Duetscher, and Juniors Don Hammond, Jeff Beyer, and Dave Anderson garnered well-deserved praise as dependable and exceptional runners. Seniors graduating from the team are Louie Zelasko, Don Toth, Bruce Harber, Jim Kovas, Bob Duetscher, and Bob Lotter. Coach Gamble is looking forward to a very promising season next year, despite these very valuable losses.

FIRST ROW: Coach Gamble, Louie Zelasko, Don Toth, Bruce Harber, Jim Kovas, Bob Deutscher, Bob Lotter, SECOND ROW: Steve Carr, John Saylor, Chester Fack, Steve Deutscher, Ken Shead, Jerry Firebaugh, Dave Anderson, Jeff Beyer, Don Hammond, Rod Swank.



Baseball Team established fine record

Coach Tolmen's Varsity team had a fine 14-8 record. Considering a tough schedule they put together a ten game winning streak and tied for the NSC title. The batting average trophy was won by Larry Shead with a .392 total. He, Jay Gilpin, and Matty Bush were also selected to the NSC team. Matty Bush received the Most Improved Player Trophy with a record breaking 27 RBI's. Jerry Colanese received the Sportsmanship Award.

The B-team was composed entirely of Freshmen. One highlight of their 3 win-3 loss season was a 4-3 victory over LaPorte's rugged B-team.

Varsity Team, KNEELING: Tim Gourley, Bob Calhoun, Larry Shead, Jay Gilpin, Jeff Schroeder, Jerry Colanese. STANDING: Coach Tolmen, Greg Hofer, Mike Lenig, Rick Hall, Bruce Eastman, Paul Zahl, Matt Bush.

Baseball 1972

VARSITY	NP	OPP
LaPorte	3	4
Mish. Marion	3	1
SB St. Joe	1	3
MC Rogers	1	4
MC Marquette	11	1
Washington Twp.	16	0
Jimtown	4	6
Westville	8	2
Westville	13	2
Gary West Side	15	5
North Liberty	3	1
Oregon Davis	15	4
Oregon Davis	14	1
Jimtown	16	6
LaVille	6	3
South Central	5	2
Fairfield	11	1
John Glenn	2	6
Jimtown	3	13
LaVille	9	8
MC Marquette	7	1
LaPorte	2	9

B-TEAM	NP	OPP
LaPorte	0	10
LaPorte	4	3
MC Marquette	3	4
MC Marquette	7	9
LaLumiere	15	0
LaLumiere	14	0

Goofin' around before the game.

B-Team, KNEELING: Ken Shead, Mark Tolmen, Jim Bunton, Rob Zelasko, Randy Gourley, Kevin Kindig, Gary Curless. STANDING: Coach Tolmen, Dan Gilpin, Bob Snyder, Leon Meyers, Steve Deutscher, Charlie Evans, Pat Kane, Curt Swank.

FIRST ROW, KNEELING: Mike Miller, Terry Stockton, Tim Marker, Mark Adnson, Pat Dennis, Tom Stockton. STANDING: Coach Starks. Rex Eckert, Kent Bealor, Bob Deutscher, Bruce Peterson, Steve Bealor, Brad Morrie, Roland Eckman.

Golfers compiled fantastic season

The Golf team finished its exemplary season with the fantastic record of 9 wins over 1 loss. The team initiated its winning season by welcoming a new coach, Mr. Starks, under whose leadership the team prospered and grew. The team itself was divided this year by a specific qualifications system into a varsity and a B-team. The B-team demonstrated its competition by maintaining a 6-0 season. As the golf team will be losing only 4 Seniors in the top ten, the team's prospects for next season are very favorable.

Golf 1972

	NP	OPP
North Liberty	151	183
Jimtown	157	165
Oregon Davis	158	203
Fairfield	159	182
MC Marquette	168	183
LaVille	168	180
John Glenn	153	164
Knox	162	181
Marion	152	153
MC Rogers	157	153

Gymnastics team, LEFT TO RIGHT: Jill Joslin, Tina Rydzinski, Mrs. Poe, Sponsor, Peggy Wood, Jill Schaefer.

Gymnastics team enjoys success

This year's Gymnastics team might be low in number but they're mighty big in spirit. They have maintained an exceptional record and plan to keep on winning. The Balance Beam, Free Exercise, Vaulting, and the Uneven Parallel Bars are the four events in which all the members compete. In each event there are 10 possible points. The participant is judged on the following aspects: difficulty, originality, composition, execution, amplitude, and general impression. This is the first year the girls in Gymnastics can earn varsity letters and sweaters. One must attain at least a third at every meet to get the sweater or letter. NP is one of the four schools in the state who have adopted this new concept.

BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Cindy Huston, Jody Seniff. MIDDLE: Linda Wojciechowski, Kim Zigler, Julie Saylor. TOP: Belinda Sebasty.

These enthusiastic new faces heightened school spirit and led the Freshmen on to win the coveted Spirit Stick. Their unquenchable spirit led the Frosh team in a fantastic basketball season, winning 9 out of 11 games in their 4-way tourney.

By helping the Varsity and B-team cheerleaders at Pep Sessions, they gained valuable experience and knowledge of intricate cheers that helped them create unique routines of their own. Extra energy was resourcefully used making posters to instill even more Freshmen spirit.

These bright gals, promise NP future fame and back our expectations with success and enthusiasm.

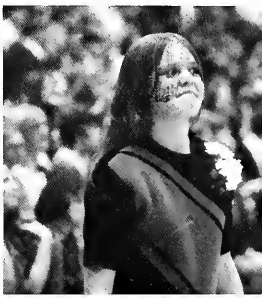
Directing the enthused Freshmen into the school song.

Cheerleading a combination of flair and spirit.

FIRST ROW: Pat Miller, Char VanSchoyck, Terry Flitter. SECOND ROW: Patty Garoutte, Sue Bennitt, Janet Depoy. THIRD ROW: Marcy Dittmar.

The '72 Cheerleaders exhibit a special kind of spirit.

Char's famous determination.



A Cougar play wins a beam of approval from Sue.

Patty and Marcy cheer the guys on.

Pat and the Cougar spread enthusiasm.

They provide an example of spirit for all.

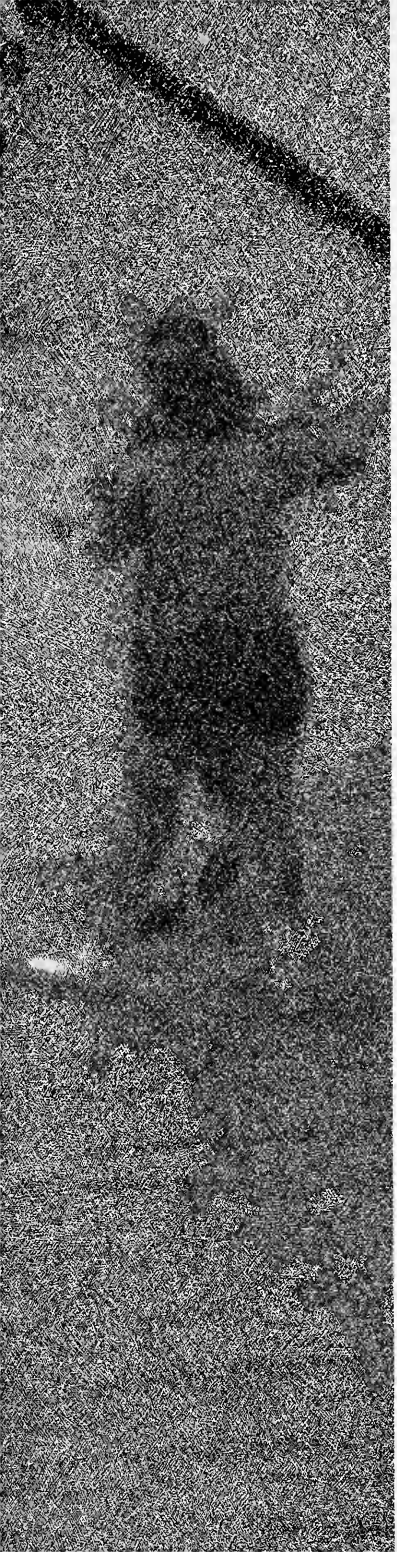
Smiling faces, good sportsmanship, and ever-faithful enthusiasm exemplify NP's Varsity and B-team cheerleaders. Their hours of practice show through as they perform skillful routines at pep sessions and games. Not only the student body, but the guys on the team really appreciate the cheerleaders, for they provide an example of spirit for all.

The pause that refreshes.

The B-team cheerleaders fill the crowd with their unique spirit.

Then They turn to watch the action themselves.

FIRST ROW: Kathy Johns, Sue Manges. SECOND ROW: Diane Garoutte, Debbie Harber. THIRD ROW: Lanette Cowley, Linda Smith.



academics

You soon discover that classes are desks,

that books mean assignments,

though there is joy in learning,

and that time must be measured by how long

the minute hand takes

until the bell rings

and you are free.

Being the leaders of any group inevitably means facing both good and bad reactions from the governed, but Mr. Miller and Mr. Noel have so smoothly guided this school during the past three years that such opposition seems barely noticeable. For example, as Principal, Mr. Miller has unselfishly given of time and self to make this school a decent place in which to learn. Such dedication is apparent and appreciated. With leadership such as this, New Prairie can only prosper.

Amzie K. Miller, Principal,

Mr. Miller and Mr. Noel, Asst. Principal, discuss school problems.

Dedicated leadership makes New Prairie outstanding

What brave student has not quaked at this sight?

Being an efficient Principal requires much time spent on paper work.

Walter Geese, Donald Major, Urban Zeigner, President; Leo Arvin, Superintendent; Paul Cooreman, Secretary; Harold Sellers, Vice President.

The School Board discusses community education.

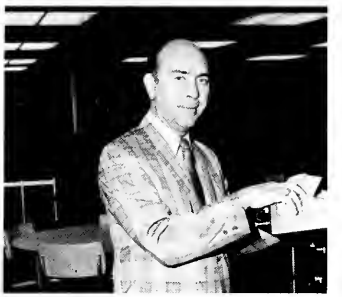
Controlling school activities is probably the hardest and most misunderstood job. Few, if any, students understand the duties and responsibilities of School Board Member. Actually, however, the Board consists of six men who meet every two weeks to discuss money, scheduling, co-ordination of outlying districts, and other related matters. These financial and policy-making decisions affect every person in the New Prairie district, however indirectly. The School Board is a great unseen force on the student's life.

The School Board makes decisions which affect every individual.

Mr. Arvin, the Superintendent of the New Prairie schools.

Dedicated to People

DEDICATED TO PEOPLE. To the beautiful spirit and essence which are the gift and heritage of all. To people like Mrs. Helen Heeter, who retired after teaching 15 years in the New Prairie district. To people like Mr. Raymond Reed, who died unexpectedly after many years as school librarian. To people like you...and me...and everyone. We are all together in this family of man, and it is to this concept that the 1972 Prairie Life is dedicated.



MR. RAYMOND REED

MRS. HELEN HEETER

Maintenance — the silent but important minority

Irvin Andrysiak

Ted Zoph

Arlo Gourley

Charles Walker

Everyone takes meals and a clean school for granted, but there are people who must daily sweep the hall of NPHS, clean the windows, and prepare well-balanced meals for the student body. These people are important. Without their constant service, the school would soon lose its bright and polished atmosphere, and every student would be forced to be contented with a daily fare of sack lunches. The non-teaching staff is one of the most important working branches of school. Their work, which they perform diligently and well, is essential to the smooth-running and efficient operation of New Prairie High School.

Patsy Claeys and Ruth Hennen

Always another window to clean.

Evelyn Ray

The familiar Kitchen Krew

Janice Swartz

Betty Schimmel

Margaret Haverstock

Margaret DeNeve

Janice Nickerson

June Schroeder

Phyllis Kratz

One of the most important working branches of school

Mr. Thomas, although busy with the problems of the whole student body, took time out to help the individual too.

Miss Volkman instituted many benefits for the students such as "career day."

Mrs. Guptill, librarian, finds her time taken up by monotonous but vital tasks.

Mrs. Dodd was concerned with the huge amount of paper work a high school entails to keep on running.

Mrs. Runnels was always ready to help with any announcements to be made.

The professional staff of NP is essential to the well-being of its students. Their task includes all work insuring the smooth running and efficient operation of this high school. Their task is a thankless one. The counselors must advise and guide a large student body and assist each individual in making a career choice. The secretaries are kept constantly busy duplicating tests. keeping up with a heavy load of paperwork, and handling school records. The janitors must constantly repair, clean, sweep, and polish the school to keep it in condition. Each day the "Kitchen Krew" must prepare well-balanced meals for the student body.

The Moose Goosers (basketball) - LEFT TO RIGHT: Kenny Strope, Greg Ness, Louie Zelasko, Fred Miller, Steve Markley, Dave Nickerson.

Janet's Jivin' Juniors (basketball) - LEFT TO RIGHT: Bonnie Keehn, April Eskridge, Julie Schrieber, Beth Belt, Lynn Kelley, Janet DePoy.

Boyts' Bunnies (volleyball) - Ken Buss, Mike Wilcox, Jim Kovas, Louie Zelasko, Larry Boyts, Tim Marker.

McGaun's Marrauders (volleyball) - Sharon Anderson, Cari Shirley, Mary McGaun, Linda Bolinger.

Intramural '72

Intramural sports provide a welcome opportunity for everyone to participate, girls as well as guys. Everyone is given an equal chance to join in such games as volleyball and basketball. Held every Tuesday night, these games offer competition, companionship, and an increased appreciation for sportsmanship. Fifty started out to win the ping pong title this year, but the competition was soon narrowed down to three: Doug Kenfield, Jerry Colanese, and Tom Kempf. Jerry Colanese then successfully defended his title of Ping Pong Champion of '72.

English — Bringing the written word to life

"Ooh! Cheeseburgers in the lunch line!"

Understanding and caring

DAVID MATTHEWS

BARBARA DEER

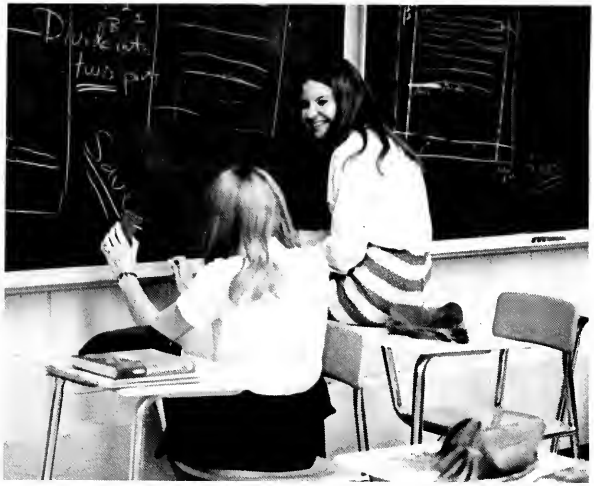
CHRISTINE CORTIER

WILLIAM HAZELTON

FRANK ROKOSZ

MARY BRUMMITT

Expression class means doing your own thing.

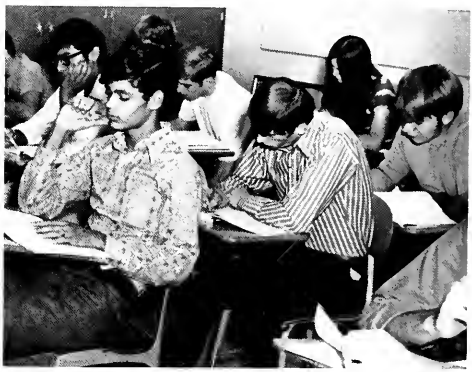


Another tic-tac-toe game ends in dust.

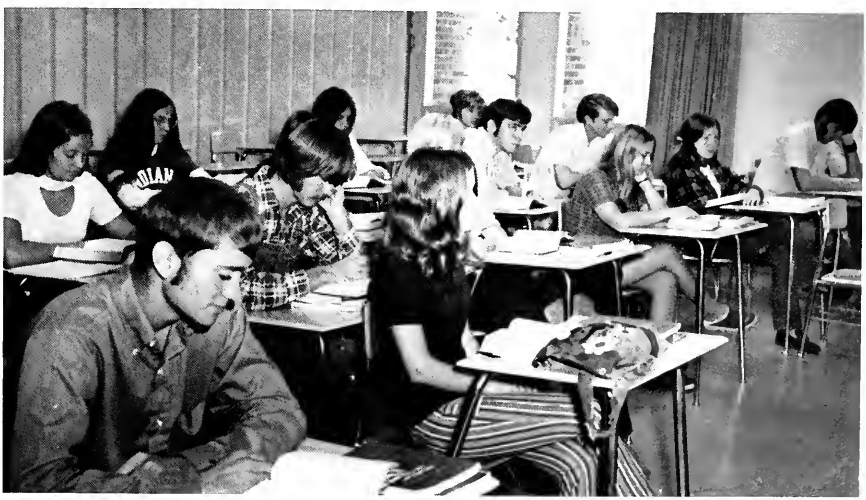
"I think I've got a headache."

New Prairie's English Department encompasses a wide range of interests and subject matter. Speech and Drama made a return appearance this year, under Miss Cortier's reign. Expression class gained depth also under her direction as it diversified and matured in its second year.

Students always derive necessary knowledge and experience through the potpourri of English subjects offered, and inevitably must benefit from the long hours spent identifying parts of speech, conjugating verbs, making public speechs, and writing term papers. Although only three years of English are required, many conscientious seniors take English one more year to increase their knowledge and self-discipline. These realizations help each student bring the written word to life.



English classes stress comprehension and learning.



The getting-reaquainted-on-the-first-day-of-school-scene.

GEORGE OLSON

PAUL WEAVER

The mental absorption of history facts requires deep concentration.

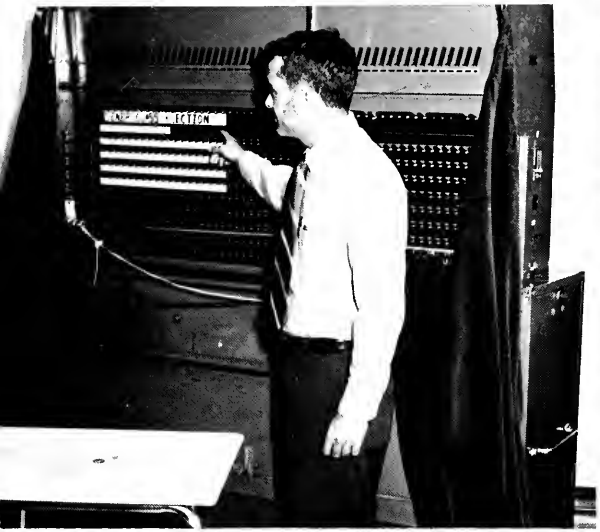
Social Studies

Making world

The Cold War is emphasized by a cold stare.

BLAINE GAMBLE

RONALD COLBORNE



Frantic last-minute directions to the Seniors on May 1st saved a lot of embarrassment on May 2nd.

The symbol of history - notes, notes, and more notes.

the relevant

The social studies department, made up of elective and required courses, consisted this year of world and United States history, government, geography, economics, psychology, sociology, and world problems. World history concentrated on the past historical occurances which eventually shaped society today, and U.S. history narrated the story of America. Psychology and sociology investigated the workings of the mind, and the impact on individual faces from society and his environment. Geography centered around the terrestrial complexion of the earth and the effects nature plays on it. Government and economics sought to impart realistic and practical information to graduating seniors who would soon be in need of it. World problems studied such varied subjects as Communism, censorship, the Cold War, and in general gave its students a general knowledge of the world and its affairs. The purpose of each of these courses was to give the a more relevant picture of the world he would soon be facing.

Wendy's candor in World Problems gains her the center of attention.

Miss Wakeman, the French student teacher, assists two French IIIers who know the answer but find it easier to ask.

HELEN HEETER

ANA ARIAS

GERARDO GONZALEZ

DIMITRI GLOSS

The dictionery in the back of the book proves to be an ever-faithful help to each student.

Latin I - Busy and attentive minds.

Spanish I - They try harder because they have to.

The art of communication

The brilliant French II class smiles for Mr. Gloss.

"Oh, Speedy!"

Language's different effects on its students.

"Bonjour! ¡Hola! Salute!" Even though you may not "parlez-vous francais," everyone knows these ever-familiar phrases for "hello." The study of language is an interesting challenge which can lead to a better understanding of other countries. Through this experience, the student is also familiarized with the customs and beliefs of other countries. Some language students are even fortunate enough to participate in school-sponsored excursions to such countries as Mexico, Spain, and Italy. These trips cause romantic sounding places to come and alive and seem more real.

Communication is perhaps the most important commodity a person can possess in today's fast-paced world, and becoming fluent in another language only furthers its purpose by bringing the world closer together.

Science

Students are inevitably interested in themselves and their surroundings. Science satisfies these interests by offering many courses that are far reaching in their chosen field such as Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, and a new addition, Advanced Chemistry.

Biology offers a complete study of life, and Chemistry expounds on the elements of nature, while Physics puts into use the laws of the universe. Each enhamces and increases the intellect of each student.

"When are they going to grow, Mr. Calhoun?"

The study of physics is enhanced by actual experimentation.

The study of biology is serious as well as amusing.

The girls in Advanced Chemistry.

Deb affectionately cares for her plants.

RALPH RHEINHEIMER

JACK CALHOUN

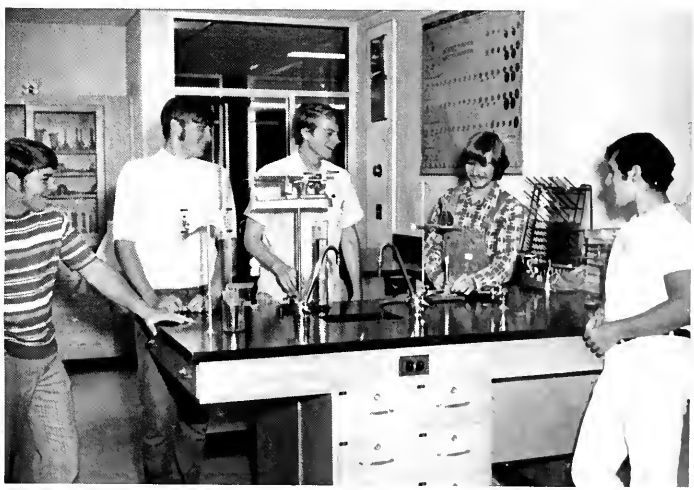
ROBERT SCHWENK

JAMES WOOLSEY

KEITH KAUFMAN

A probe of life and elements

The study of biology is heightened by such examples of the miracle of life.



VS. the boys in Advanced Chemistry.

Math is one of the most challenging and fascinating subjects offered. Through its study, a student may learn to apply such principles as logic and reason to his own daily life. The math department this year offered such courses as algebra, geometry, general math, and analytic geometry. These subjects constituted an important part of the students' curriculum, for a good understanding of math is imperative to other subjects, particularly the sciences. Concentrating on fundamental mathematic principles and strengthening understanding of these - this was the function of math classes this year. The variety of courses offered at NPHS encouraged students to participate in this ever-growing science.

Paying attention, whether fun or not, leads

RUTH LEMPKE

KATHERINE GALEY

Math — a study in logic wh

RUTH CROUCH

ROBERT SCHWENK

Constant erasing is a co

Students can have fun anywhere - even in algebra class.

to a greater understanding in any subject.

"I'm sorry, Mrs. Crouch. I thought you'd like to see the picture of Dracula I made out of Roman Numerals."

h perpetually searches for new answers

n scene in math classes.

Math is heads bent in concentration and the scratching of pencils.

The beat goes on

Come on, Karen, things couldn't be that bad!

MARGARET DICKIE

Both the choir and the band, the two sections which comprise New Prairie's music department, were forced into rapid adjustments this year under two new directors. Mrs. Margaret Dickie, initiating her first year as choir director, chose to suprise and interest her students into cooperation by producing a successful rock-musical.

GEORGE STEELE

Mr. George Steele faced an equally difficult task. He had to transform a bunch of unruly students into an efficient marching band. Rehearsals were long and hard, but successful half-time shows, and later, concerts were the rewarding results. Harmony indeed pervaded the music department this year.

Contest preparation requires skill and determination.

Getting it Together

Randy and Vince: Two devoted Pep Band players.

136 Mrs. Dickie reigns over utter chaos.

Miss Lykowski demonstrates her own talent.

BARBARA LYKOWSKI

Goofing-off is an eternal practice among all students.

Art is communication and fun

Art classes provide an outlet for talent. Expression is worthless unless it is put to good use. This year's art department strove to create opportunities for its students to achieve practical goals with their own inborn skills. The students were allowed to create with clay sculptoring, painting, drawing, collages, and many even designed rugs. All the activities totalled up to one ideal - allowing the student to express himself.

Colorful displays such as this relieved the monotony of the halls.

Art allows individual interests to surface.

Concentration is a necessary facet for an artist.

Industrial Arts provides useful knowledge

Offering a potpourri of classes, Industrial Arts compels special skills and creativity. Woods, metals, basic technical drawing, mechanical drawing, and graphic arts all provide students with practical skills helpful in everyone's life. In addition to learning these skills, the students get a chance to apply them by repairing machinery. Through these courses, some gain the desire to continue further schooling in occupations such as carpentry and electricity. Others gain appreciated knowledge that could get them a job.

KENNETH MIRERS

DONALD KANE

Sanding unfinished wood is tedious but necessary.

The eternal questioning and answering.

Finished projects are indeed

And skills

DOYLE DINKENS

HARRY TOLMEN

Cutting a board straight is an act of concentration.

Much of the work in industrial arts requires close attention to detail.

things of beauty to their creators.

"Where's the gas pedal?"

Max Haag

Frank Zielinski

Ed Hamilton

Wynelle Hughes

Tim Moffit

Jane, another clever Senior, patiently awaits instructions on how to cover her machine.

Jill sets the example of an ideal secretary as she transcribes a letter using both skill and concentration.

Business means planning for

Can you believe no one is talking?

Is Data Processing always this interesting, or is it just Kim?

Whether college bound or vocationally orientated, NP's business courses have something for everyone. Basic typing skills and shorthand provide those seeking further education with invaluable security towards oncoming term papers and college lecture classes.

Future secretaries and bookkeepers gain valuable knowledge and experience through the many business classes offered. Office Lab, a two-hour daily course, presents hopeful secretaries with down-to-earth applicable experience designed to tatally represent an actual office. Data Processing also offers a computer introduction to those interested in this growing field.

practical the future

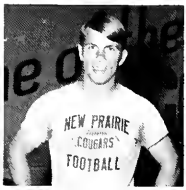
Whatever class they choose, students find that business always provides practical planning for the future.

Don't just stand there, type!

You mean it was supposed to be centered?

JOHN STARKS

CLEO POE

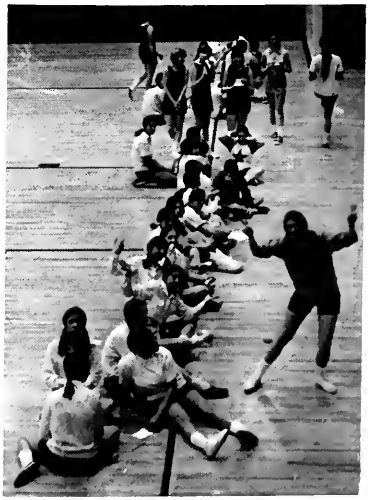


FLOYD TROSPER

Gym provides a welcome opportunity for friends to become

"I never could remember the difference between a tibia and a fibula."

Body language is universal.



closer and enjoy the pleasure of each others company.

Mr. Campbell caught in the act.

An individual is the sum total of his body and his mind.

Health and Gym are necessary to the total person

Physical education and health are two vital subjects which are eternally interrelating. One cannot exist without the other. The aim of health class is to acquaint the student with a fundamental knowledge and appreciation of his internal organs, muscles, cells, and body functions. Physical education classes allow each student the chance for individual expression by participating in competitive games, modern dance, and exercise.

Gym and health are therefore imperative because each instills the student with an understanding and respect for the basic life functions.

Individual effort is the factor that makes Home Ec a rewarding experience...

The most vital task of making a home

A Home Ec display exhibits taste as well as fashion.

The Home Economics complex forms one of NP's most vital departments. By teaching girls the skills required for an efficient household, the department serves a practical need as well as a scholastic one. Various courses have been designed to satisfy both these needs. Family Living Class emphasizes the individual and his role in such situations as marriage and common every-day life. Meal planning was taught and climaxed in three social dinners: Informal, Semi-formal, and Formal. Home Art class challenged the girls into more creative and practical design plans for their future dream houses. Training courses were also offered in cooking, serving, and home nursing. In general, the girls are taught the means for solving many of the problems each will face as a future homemaker.

All right, who put the bubble gum in the collection plate?

Try it, you'll like it!

Preparing a future homemaker can be fun, too.

MARGARET EKSTROM

PATRICIA LYNCH

What in the world?????

Agriculture — Teaching farmers how to seed, cultivate, and harvest the world's fields

Pat was crowned the happy FFA Sweetheart.

Michael Sheets

Donald Thomas

Awards were presented at the FFA Banquet for outstanding achievement in many special and diversified fields.

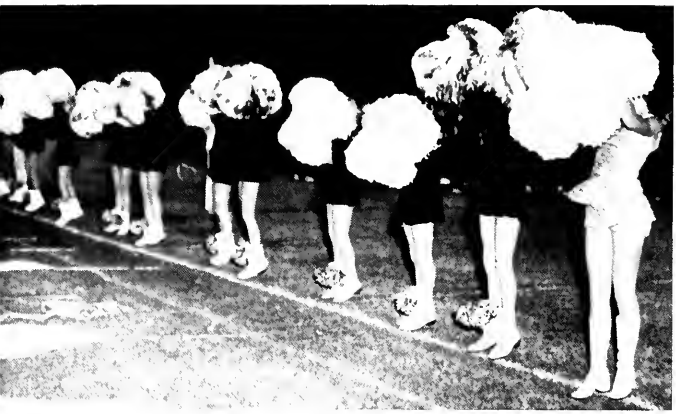
Mr. Thomas gave helpful and knowledgeable assistance.

The whole world needs the farmer. He raises nearly all of its food. The agriculture department this year sought to acquaint and impress interested students with the importance and complexity of this task. By giving the future farmers actual experience with new and old farming techniques, conservation, horticulture, stock judging, vocational-ag mechanics, farm machinery management, and crop science, the student was given a truly-rounded experience. Further, besides regular classroom activities, each student was encouraged to join the FFA, thus participating in a thriving club which centered around ag. This caused many to branch out, discovering special talents in various fields. Ag was a living and working collection of classes which brought young farmers and their young ideas together.

As with any other department, ag classes ranged from just plain fun.

The proper handling and repair of farm machinery was stressed.

Cougar Club Candids



Those Flag-girls are so shy.

The Lollipop Trio

Who said the GSC-ers were a bunch of old hags?!

Friends, Romans, countrymen. Lend me your pants.

Some of the ever-enthusiastic yearbook staff. . no wonder it gets out so late every year.

Those football players are so sexy.

Surprise
Sadness
happiness

seniors

The class of '72 will soon be leaving New Prairie and their "fond memories" of high school behind them. Of course, some will leave with fonder memories than others. There are many people who are not looking back to their enriching and rewarding high school years, but are waiting to just get out for good.

No matter what the attitudes about school are, everyone is looking forward to graduation. Sometimes the thought brings confusion, but all in all, it is a good feeling. The time that everyone has waited for is too near to imagine. In a few days it will be another memory and a major time in our lives will have come to an end. Now we have to do as every class before us has done. We have to look at the beginning and not the end.

Norman Strefling
President,
1972 Senior Class

Can a prom even exist without the inevitable paper flowers?

Decorating for the prom is a job of many tasks.

"Southern Comfort" a gala affair

Prom means many things to many people. To the Juniors, it is hard but rewarding work which eventually becomes a creation of beauty. To the Seniors, it is a time to be close and enjoy themselves. This year's prom "Southern Comfort" was no exception. The motif was that of a lovely southern plantation with swinging music provided by the "Massachussetts Assembly." Prom was a special time to be treasured long afterwards.

Linda Meyers and Larry Boyts, the 1972 Prom Queen and King with their royal court: Pat Lachowin, Karin Watkins, Jay Gilpin, and Ken Buss.

Conversation with friends, showing off your date, and showing off yourself - all make prom fun.

The King and Queen dance slowly to the strains of "Silhouettes on the Shade."

Prom means being close.

But, Mr. Noel, I WAS invited!

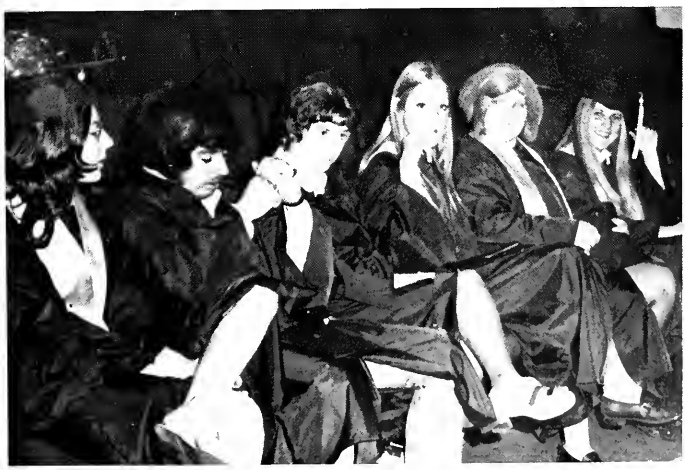
The less glamorous aspect of prom.

The Exultant Senior.

The pre-processional scene.

Well, this is it! After thirteen years of fun times and times not fun at all, of meeting new people, of making new friends, and perhaps losing the old along the way, of spending long hours in study, or deciding to watch TV instead, of trying, or simply not trying -- we are finished. For those of us going on to college, graduation marks only the entering of another school session to struggle through, but many of us are entering life instead. Good luck to us all.

The emotions were mixed as the various awards were presented for outstanding achievement.



A Senior Crew sleeps, waits, smiles...

Diane receives her trophy.

The post-processional scene.

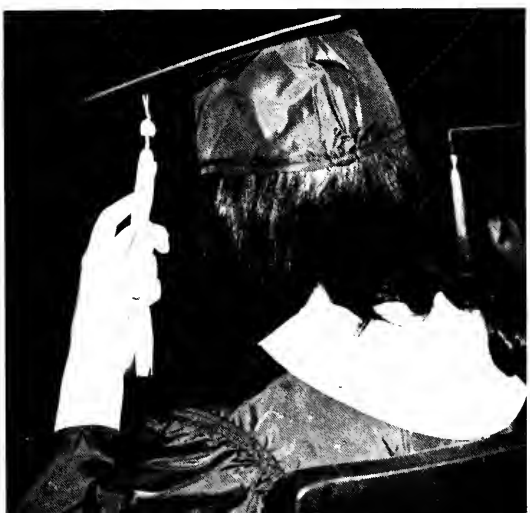
The Thoughtful Senior.

Our Commencement speaker, Doctor Richard Miller.

The sad and happy last march as NPHS students.

We've Only Just Begun

The symbolic change-over of tassels.



Camera flashes are inevitable as proud parents seek to capture the happy moment of graduation forever.

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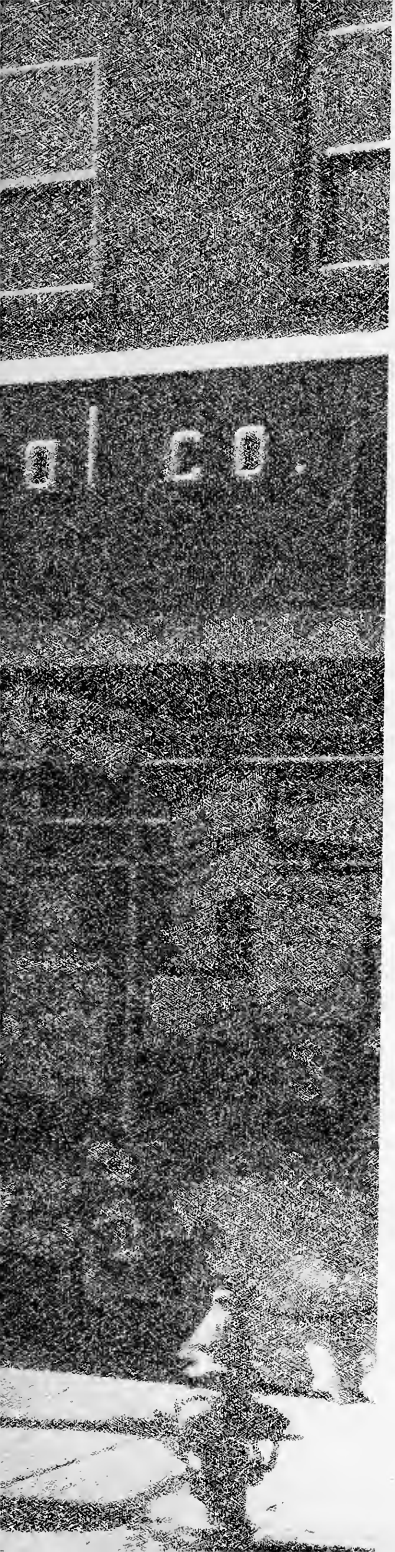

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